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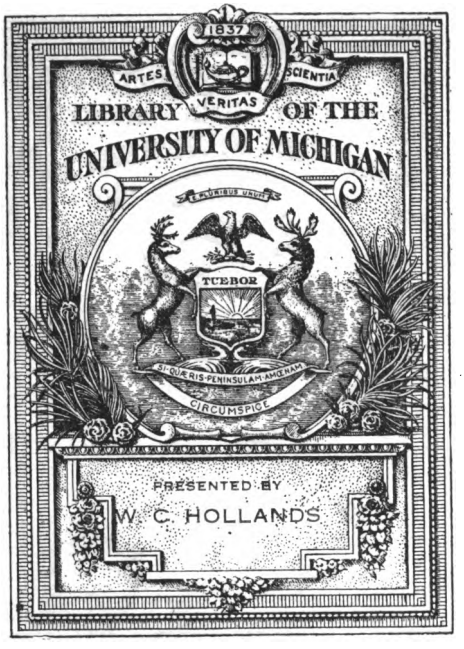

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BODIES COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF MASONS.

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling in Anno Lucis (A. L.), "in the year of light."

Lodges F. and A. M. hold Communications. Add 4000 to 1910 = A.·. L.·. 5910.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A. I.), "in the year of discovery."

Chapters R. A. M. hold Convocations. Add 530 to 1910 = A.·. I.·. 2440.

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositonis (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

Councils R. and S. M. hold Assemblies. Add 1000 to 1910 = A.·. Dep.·. 2910.

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their order, Anno Ordinis (A. O.), "in the year of the order."

Commanderies K. T. hold Conclaves. Subtract 1118 from 1910 = A.·. O.·. 792.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek, Anno Benedictionis (A. B., "in the year of blessing."

Councils of Annointed High Priests, hold convocations. Add 1913 to 1910 = A.·. B.·. 3823.

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anna Mundi (A. M.), "in the year of the world."

Consistories A. and A. S. R. hold Rendezvous. Add 3760 to 1910 = A.·. M.·. 5670.

Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. hold Sessions. Each thirty years from the Hejra, or July 15, A.·. D.·. 622, constitute a cycle. Nineteen of these years contain 355 days and eleven 356. A.·. H.·. 1228 begins January 12, A.·. D.·. 1910.

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M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, 1909

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H. W. ARMSTRONG, GRAND HIGH PRIEST, 1904

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ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Masonic Temple, Lansing,
1:30 o'clock P. M.
Tuesday, May 17, 1910,

Called.

The Sixty-Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan was called to order in the Masonic Temple in the City of Lansing, Tuesday, May 17, 1910, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, George W. Armstrong.

Address of Welcome.

Companion John H. Chase announced that the address of welcome would be delivered on behalf of the mayor and

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citizens of Lansing by Companion Cornelius A. Gower. In a very happy address the members were welcomed and made to feel at home. The response was made by Companion Arthur E. Stevens, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.

Absent.

The Grand Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Companion Robert H. Hunt, E. Grand Master of the Third Veil, that a recent change in business matters would prevent his attendance at this annual convocation and the Grand High Priest excused him and requested Past Grand High Priest M. Earl Brackett to fill that station.

Grand Officers Present.

GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG, M. E. Grand High Priest.
ARTHUR E. STEVENS, R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.
ELWIN F. BROWN, R. E. Grand King.
JAMES H. THOMPSON, R. E. Grand Scribe.
EMERSON M. NEWELL, R. E. Grand Treasurer.
CHARLES A. CONOVER, R. E. Grand Secretary.
HORACE S. MAYNARD, R. E. Grand Lecturer.
REV. JOHN CLAFLIN, E. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN H. KINGSLEY, E. Grand Captain of Host.
WILLIAM W. WATTS, E. Grand Principal Sojourner.
ALBERT J. YOUNG, E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.
M. EARL BRACKETT as E. Grand Master Third Veil.
ELMER S. ATHERTON, E. Grand Master Second Veil.
WALTER H. BOOTH, E. Grand Master First Veil.
JAMES F. McGREGOR, Grand Sentinel.

Opening

A constitutional number of chapters having reported by their representatives to the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM by the M.E.

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Grand High Priest, assisted by his associate Grand Officers. Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Roll of Honor.

The Grand Secretary read the Roll of Honor of the Grand Chapter, to which one addition had been made during the year by the death of Companion Benjamin Porter.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

E. SMITH LEE, G. H. P., 1848-9-50. Died April 12, 1857.
JEREMIAH MOORS, G. H. P., 1852. Died July 6, 1854.
MICHAEL SHOEMAKER, G. H. P., 1853-4-6. Died Nov. 10, 1895.
WILLIAM L. GREENLY, G. H. P., 1855. Died Nov. 29, 1883.
SALATHIEL C. COFFINBURY, G. H. P., 1857-8-9. Died Sept. 20, 1889.
WM. P. INNES, G. H. P., 1860-1. Died Aug. 2, 1893.
BENJ. PORTER, SR., G. H. P., 1862. Died Mar. 13, 1910.
EBENEZER SPRAGUE, G. H. P., 1865. Died Jan. 2, 1892.
A. BERNARD CUDWORTH, G.H. P., 1866. Died June 26, 1890.
JOHN P. FISKE, G. H. P., 1867. Died Feb. 17, 1909.
GEORGE C. MUNRO, G. H. P., 1868. Died Aug. 16, 1883.
WILLIAM L. WEBBER, G. H. P., 1869. Died Oct. 15, 1901.
CHARLES H. BROWN, G. H. P., 1870. Died July 20, 1897.
HUGH McCURDY, G. H. P., 1871. Died July 16, 1908.
JOHN W. FINCH, G. H. P., 1873. Died April 4, 1906.
ALFRED I. SAWYER, G. H. P., 1874. Died May 7, 1891.
JOHN L. MITCHELL, G. H. P., 1875. Died July 10, 1904.
WILLIAM BROWN, G. H. P., 1876. Died Sept. 23, 1880.
DAVID C. SPAULDING, G. H. P., 1879. Died July 14, 1904.
SAMUEL H. NORTON, G. H. P., 1880. Died April 26, 1885.
DANIEL STRIKER, G. H. P., 1886. Died April 12, 1898.
BENJAMIN F. WATTS, G. H. P., 1888. Died July 13, 1906.
SAMUEL C. RANDALL, G. H. P., 1891. Died March 5, 1909.
CHARLES R. BAGG, G. H. P., 1893. Died August 17, 1899.
JAMES H. CUMMINS, G. H. P., 1894. Died October 29, 1908.
JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, G. H. P. Died April 5, 1903.
CHARLES L. STEVENS, G. H. P., 1902. Died Jan. 30, 1907.

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Credential Committee.

The Grand High Priest appointed as Committee on Credentials:

Companions CHARLES A. CONOVER,
CHARLES E. KIRKUP,
MELBERT W. LOTT.

Roll Call.

After calling the roll the Grand Secretary announced as Chairman of the Committee on Credentials that the following Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, Committees and Representatives of Chapters were present and entitled to seats and votes in Grand Chapter:

Monroe, No. 1—Stuart Simmons, proxy for H. P.
St. Joseph Valley, No. 2—William C. Cantrell, K., Lucian E. Wood, P. H. P.
Jackson, No. 3—Joseph E. Noll, H. P., Charles A. Starcross, K., Harvey T. Woodfield, S.
Lafayette, No. 4—George W. Leedle, H. P., Craig C. Miller, K.
Oakland, No. 5—Arthur G. Newton, H. P.
Washtenaw, No. 6—Gustave H. Sodt, H. P., John Lindenschmidt, proxy for K.
Grand Rapids, No. 7—Fred M. Mehrtens, H. P., Charles D. Sharrow, K.
Jonesville, No. 8—Henry P. Bellamy, H. P., Ambrose Lambert, S., Wm. M. Ransom, P. H. P., Dorr Darling, P. H. P.
Capital, No. 9—John H. Chase, H. P., Frederick C. Arnold, K., Robert A. Crabb, S.
Adrian, No. 10—William H. Jones, H. P.
Centreville, No. 11—Thomas G. Greene, H. P.
St. Clair, No. 12—Charles W. Bowbeer, H. P.
Kalamazoo, No. 13—Edgar L. Harris, H. P.
Ionia, No. 14—John Nichol, H. P., Emory W. More, K.
Washington, No. 15—John C. Clasen, H. P., Francis D. Clarke, P. H. P.
Peninsular, No. 16—George H. Blake, H. P., and proxy for K., John G. English, proxy for S.
Romeo, No. 17—George E. Newberry, K. and proxy for H. P.

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Hillsdale, No. 18—Orville J. Cornell, H. P., William P. Perry, proxy for K.

Battle Creek, No. 19—Alexander J. McRae, H. P., Frank H. Dunsmore, K., William M. Robinson, S.

Ontonagon, No. 20—Not represented.

Temple, No. 21—Clare E. Wise, H. P., and proxy for S., H. A. Close, proxy for K.

River Raisin, No. 22—Thomas R. Waters, H. P.

Salathiel, No. 23—Melbert W. Lott, H. P.

Eaton Rapids, No. 24—John J. Milbourn, H. P., W. Scott Munn, K.

Excelsior, No. 25—William E. L. Smith, H. P., Bennett W. Kief, K.

Sturgis, No. 26—Charles J. Lockwood, H. P.

Port Huron, No. 27—Charles F. Farr, H. P.

Genesee, No. 29—Not represented.

Livingston, No. 30—Charles E. Gough, H. P., Wm. E. Beach, P. H. P., and proxy for K., F. M. Savage, proxy for S.

Saginaw Valley, No. 31—Ferd J. Schmidt, H. P.

Albion, No. 32—Garfield Farley, H. P.

Corunna, No. 33—Howard E. Slocum, proxy for H. P.

Paw Paw, No. 34—William Killifer, H. P.

Gate of Temple, No. 35—Norman B. Fox, H. P.

Keystone, No. 36—Warren E. Conkling, H. P.

Mt. Vernon, No. 37—John P. Rankin, proxy for K.

Newaygo, No. 38—Not represented.

Portland, No. 39—John C. Probart, H. P., Joseph Morse, K.

Clinton, No. 40—Robert A. Boyd, proxy for H. P.

Damascus, No. 41—Arthur W. Fenton, H. P.

Tecumseh, No. 42—Algernon S. VanWinkle, K., and proxy for H. P.

Marquette, No. 43—Herman A. Holden, H. P., Wm. H. Van-Iderstine, K.

St. Johns, No. 45—William H. Field, P. H. P., and proxy for H. P., A. W. Durkee, P. H. P.

Siroc, No. 46—Not represented.

Muskegon, No 47—Charles S. Koon, K., and proxy for H. P.

Meridian, No. 48—Fred E. Spaford, H. P.

Summit, No. 49—Edgar O. Quackenbush, H. P.

Eureka, No. 50—Frank H. Williams, H. P.

Ingham, No. 51—George H. Shaw, H. P.

Big Rapids, No. 52—Howard Pett, H. P.

Union City, No. 53—Charles E. Day, H. P.

Prairie Ronde, No. 54—Justin L. Clark, H. P.

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Union, No. 55—Harry A. Bovee, H. P.
Oceana, No. 56—Not represented.
Bellevue, No. 57—James Huggett, H. P.
South Haven, No. 58—Nelson C. Tall, H. P., George C. Monroe, P. H. P.
Blanchard, No. 59—O. F. Harding, proxy for H. P., Edward D. Spaulding, S.
Lyons, No. 60—Alexander R. Pringle, H. P.
Galesburg, No. 61—William F. Schroeder, H. P.
Constantine, No. 62—John King, H. P.
Joppa, No. 63—Zach Barkins, proxy for H. P.
Manistee, No. 65—Harry J. Kerley, H. P.
Stafford, No. 66—Wm. T. Allen, proxy for H. P.
Chesaning, No. 67—Charles W. Cheney, H. P.
Hastings, No. 68—John W. Munton, H. P.
Mt. Clemens, No. 69—William C. Hacker, H. P.
Ithaca, No. 70—W. K. Ludwig, proxy H. P. and S., John T. Mathews, K.
Milford, No. 71—Charles H. Pittinger, H. P., B. A. Holden, proxy for K.
Calvin Britain, No. 72—Samuel J. Quade, H. P.
Hooker, No. 73—Dr. C. H. Anderson, proxy for H. P.
Thunder Bay, No. 74—Robert E. Ellsworth, H. P.
Almont, No. 76—Benjamin F. Johnston, H. P.
Kingsbury, No. 78—J. Boyd Thomas, H. P.
Greenville, No. 79—Al. Hendry, H. P.
Holly, No. 80—Samuel H. Mothersill, H. P., John H. Alger, S.
Colon, No. 81—David L. Akey, proxy for H. P.
Charlotte, No. 82—Vaughan G. Griffith, H. P.
Iosco, No. 83—Elisha Dietz, proxy for H. P.
Corinthian, No. 84—Charles W. Cotton, H. P.
Grand Ledge, No. 85—J. Mason Soper, H. P.
St. Louis, No. 87—Elias C. Phillips, H. P.
Lovell Moore, No 88—Frank Fisher, proxy for H. P.
Owosso, No. 89—Alonzo Crane, H. P., George T. Campbell, P. H. P.
Brooklyn, No. 90—E. N. Palmer, proxy for H. P.
Lapeer, No. 91—Wallace Weir, H. P., H. E. Hatch, P. H. P.
Ludington, No. 92—Not represented.
Birmingham, No. 93—J. Allen Bigelow, proxy for H. P.
Oxford, No. 94—Monroe G. Dunlap, K.
Lawrence, No. 95—Edwin N. Plopper, H. P.
Caro, No. 96—Joseph H. Beckton, H. P.

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Evart, No. 97—Elmer F. Birdsall, H. P.
Grass Lake, No. 98—William K. Crafts, H. P.
Phoenix, No. 99—Charles E. Kirkup, H. P., Frank V. Hale, K., William L. Binns, S., Ithamer T. Smith, P. H. P.
Leslie, No. 100—Fred L. Seger, H. P., M. P. Compton, proxy for K.
Blissfield, No. 101—Ralph W. Angell, H. P.
Traverse City, No. 102—Fred C. Heumann, H. P., Hans Tobler, K.
Cadillac, No. 103—James M. Bothwell, H. P., Chas. A. Erickson, proxy for K.
Emmet, No. 104—James Oldham, H. P.
Bangor, No. 105—John B. Wilcox, S. and proxy for H. P.
Kent, No. 106—Manley W. Burch, K. and proxy for H. P.
Menominee, No. 107—Frank J. Garland, H. P.
Negaunee, No. 108—William Heggaton, H. P. and proxy for K. and S.
Cheboygan, No. 109—Wilbur F. Reed, proxy for H. P., K. and S.
Stanton, No. 110—Ray L. Bentley, H. P.
Mt. Pleasant, No. 111—Wallace H. Marsh, H. P., Elton J. Van Leuven, K.
Reed City, No. 112—Clark L. Lane, H. P., John J. Gilbert, proxy for K., W. B. Brown, proxy for S.
Ovid, No. 113—Linden H. Allen, H. P.
Frankfort, No. 114—Frank O. Wickham, H. P.
Quincy, No. 115—Frank K. Freeman, H. P., and proxy for K. and S.
Flint Rapids, No. 116—Truman H. Rogo, H. P.
Williamston, No. 117—George L. Bishop, H. P., Chas. E. Morrison, proxy for S.
Delta, No. 118—Charles W. Malloch, H. P.
Gaylord, No. 119—Seth M. French, H. P.
Grayling, No. 120—Not represented.
Iron Mountain, No. 121—George Irving, proxy for H. P.
Minerva, No. 122—James W. Bedell, H. P.
Alma, No. 123—Michael Pollasky, K. and proxy for H. P.
Marcellus, No. 124—John W. Cowling, H. P.
Lebanon, No. 125—William T. Bartley, H. P.
Sault Ste. Marie, No. 126—Edward Stevens, H. P.
Manistique, No. 127—Arthur H. Owen, H. P., John H. McCallum, proxy for K., W. F. Crane, proxy for S.
Sam Ward, No. 128—Richard Cottrell, K.

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Crystal Falls, No. 129—William H. Fraser, K., and proxy for H. P. and S.
Homer, No. 130—Charles R. Church, H. P., Lewis R. Mead, K.
Fremont, No. 131—Dallas D. Alton, H. P., John B. Cole, proxy for K.
Columbian, No. 132—Frank S. Gould, H. P., Harry Rodgers, proxy for K., Guy Johnston, proxy for S.
King Cyrus, No. 133—Frederick J. Werback, H. P., Calita E. Edwards, K., A. G. Pitts, proxy for S., Arthur H. McCloud, P. H. P.
Mackinac, No. 134—Edgar H. Hotchkiss, H. P., and proxy for S.
Wyandotte, No. 135—John S. Van Alstyne, S.
Bay City, No. 136—George E. Andrews, H. P.
Rochester, No. 137—William J. Fraser, H. P.
North Branch, No. 138—Melvin R. Deo, H. P.
Durand, No. 139—William McCurdie, H. P.
Olive, No. 140—E. J. Phillips, proxy for H. P.
Charlevoix, No. 141—Wm. Herschel Miller, H. P.
Bellaire, No. 142—Carlton V. Hinman, H. P., and proxy for K. and S.
Holland, No. 143—U. Frank DeVries, H. P.
Springport, No. 144—Arthur Punches, H. P.
Sanilac, No. 145—Kenneth H. McKenzie, H. P., Thomas E. Dawson, K., Wm. A. Yuill, proxy for S.
Athens, No. 146—Chas. L. Standiford, H. P.
Farwell, No. 147—Louis Wiesman, H. P.
Hart, No. 148—George S. Root, H. P.
Plainwell, No. 149—Thomas Laity, K., and proxy for H. P. and S.
York, No. 150—George A. Dennison, H. P.
Morenci, No. 151—Not represented.
Ishpeming, No. 152—John L. Bradford, H. P.
Calumet, No. 153—Robert O. Davidson, K. and proxy for H. P.
Boyne City, U. D.—John Henry Charters, S.
Vicksburg, U. D.—

SUMMARY.

Number of Chapters represented, 141; not represented, 8.

Number of Grand Officers present	14
" " Past Grand High Priests	13
" " Committeemen not officers	7
" " Representatives of Chapters	191
Total actual attendance	225

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Committees for Sessions.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following committees to act during this convocation:

Charters and Dispensations:

Companions WILLIAM F. DENFELD, P. G. H. P.,
JOHN NICHOL,
FERD J. SCHMIDT.

Appeals:

Companions FREDERICK J. WERBACK,
ALEXANDER J. McRAE,
JOHN L. BRADFORD,

Unfinished Business:

Companions CHARLES J. LOCKWOOD,
WILLIAM H. JONES,
CHARLES H. DAY.

Grand High Priest's Address.

The Grand High Priest, Companion George W. Armstrong, then read his annual address and report of his labors, as follows:

Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

I count it an honor as well as a privilege on this occasion to extend to you all a kindly welcome to this our Sixty-second Annual Convocation, and I trust that our brief stay in this, the Capital City of our commonwealth, may be as pleasant as the "mariner's dream of home."

Since last we met a year has passed, marked by the inevitable changes which accompany every phase of human life. Its joys and sorrows, its struggles and achievements will hereafter have an existence only in the records of the past.

The previous gatherings of this Grand Body have been exceedingly profitable and I trust that the one of 1910 will be no less beneficial.

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It is a time for reviewing the past and for considering the interests of Capitular Masonry for the future in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Chief value of these annual gatherings comes from the inspiration which they give, rather than from the actual amount of knowledge imparted or received.

It is profitable that at least once a year we renew our bonds of friendship and brotherly love, as well as our acquaintance and interest in the welfare of one another.

It is a cause for mutual congratulation that I am able to report to you that peace and prosperity exist among the craftsmen, and that nothing has occurred during the year to mar in any way the sunshine of their labors. The Chapters throughout the state have been busy and a large amount of work has been accomplished, which has brought our membership to over twenty thousand.

But, Companions, while we are grateful for all the heavenly blessings which have been so richly bestowed upon us, let us not be unmindful that Death has entered many homes, and a loved Companion has crossed the silent river into the great Hereafter.

They have entered upon their well-earned rest, leaving behind them the memory of their virtues, their labors, and their love, and establishing for us who remain a standard of excellence which, if attained, will make us all better and nobler men.

Obituary.

On Sunday, March 13, I received a message from Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Williams, announcing the death of Past Grand High Priest Benjamin Porter, which occurred at his home in Jackson. I notified the Grand Secretary, requesting him to issue the usual notices. On account of the very serious illness of Mrs. Porter, arrangements for the funeral were postponed, her death occurring on March 15.

"Uncle Ben," as we loved to call him, was one of the

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early pioneers, whose strength and ruggedness of character are well known, and his familiar face will be missed at the meetings of this Grand Chapter.

The following announcement was sent to the Subordinate Chapters:

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan,
Office of the Grand High Priest,
Adrian, Michigan.

To all Royal Arch Masons:

How beautiful it is to live a long and eventful life, and how beautiful it is to have a dutiful and loving wife for the most of that time; and then how beautiful to have those long lives drawn peacefully to a close together.

COMPANION BENJAMIN PORTER,
M. E. Grand High Priest in 1862-1863-1864,

Died at his home in Jackson, on Sunday, March 13th, 1910, and a few hours afterward his loving wife and lifelong companion severed the ties of earth and went on that long journey with him.

Our Companion has been a constant attendant at the convocations of the Grand Chapter for sixty years. He was the link that bound the present to the past. He was the last surviving Companion who was present at the organization of the Grand Chapter of Michigan in 1848. Peace to his ashes and rest to his soul.

His funeral was held in the Masonic Temple with the remains of his faithful wife at his side, the services being in charge of Jackson Lodge, No. 17. The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery were in attendance.

Benjamin Porter was born in Batavia, N. Y., April 19, 1825, and moved to Detroit with his parents in 1833. In 1838 he went to Jackson, which has since been his home. He was made a Mason in old St. John's Lodge, just after he became of age; was initiated May 7, and raised June 5, 1846. A few months later this lodge became defunct and he became a member of Jackson Lodge, in which he filled many of the offices, including that of Master. On the organization of Jackson Chapter, No. 3, he applied for the Capitular Degrees and was a member of the first team exalted in that chapter. He received the Orders of Knighthood in Eureka Commandery, at

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Hillsdale, at its first meeting when instituted; and was most active in securing a commandery at Jackson and was its first Eminent Commander, and in 1864 was elected Grand Commander, serving one year. He attained the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. In the Grand Chapter he has left the impress of his most active work. He was elected Grand Lecturer in 1853 and spent six years in that work, giving great attention to securing that uniformity of work that has characterized the Michigan Chapters. He was the chairman of the committee that prepared the standard work from which the present ritual was formulated. In 1862 he became Grand High Priest and served for three years. He peremptorily declined another election, which his companions desired to give him.

As a token of respect to the memory of our distinguished companion and of our affection for him, it is ordered that this memorial be read at the first regular convocation after its receipt, and that it be preserved in the memorial record of the chapter prepared for that purpose. It is further ordered that the charter and altar be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days thereafter.

[SEAL]

By order of

GEO. W. ARMSTRONG,
M. E. Grand High Priest.

Attest:

CHAS. A. CONOVER,
Grand Secretary.

OFFICIAL BONDS.

On July 26, 1909, I received the bonds of the Grand Secretary for $5,000, and of the Grand Treasurer for $10,000, with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. They were approved by myself and the officers of the Grand Council and are now in my possession.

APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS.

On August 21, 1909, I approved the by-laws of Capital Chapter No. 9, of Lansing.

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On March 15, 1910, I approved the by-laws of Holland Chapter No. 143, of Holland.

NEW CHAPTERS.

The retiring Grand High Priest last year turned over to me a petition for a dispensation to open a new Chapter at Boyne City, the petition being accompanied by the constitutional number of dimits, also by the consent of Emmet Chapter No. 104, of Petoskey. After a careful investigation by Companion Charles J. Gray, at my request, on June 25 I granted the dispensation, the Chapter to be known as Boyne City Chapter, with Companion L. A. Butler as High Priest, Companion H. E. Boice as King, and Companion J. H. Charters as Scribe.

On July 25, 1909, I received from the Grand Secretary a petition for a dispensation to open a new Chapter at Montague. The petition was signed by eleven R. A. Masons, and the consent of Muskegon Chapter No. 47, also the fee of $100 accompanied it. After a careful investigation, which was made at my request by the R. E. Grand Secretary, Charles A. Conover, I was compelled to refuse the request of the petitioners. Grand Secretary Conover has my sincere thanks for the valuable services rendered in this matter.

On January 29, 1910, I received a petition, accompanied by twenty dimits and the consent of Prairie Ronde Chapter No. 54, and a fee of $100, asking for a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Vicksburg. The fee was sent to the Grand Secretary. After an investigation I found a very enthusiastic company of petitioners, with 43 candidates in waiting for the degrees. On February 12, 1910, I granted a dispensation to the Companions, the Chapter to be known as Vicksburg Chapter, with Companion Charles C. Draper as High Priest, Companion J. F. Brooks as King, and Companion Samuel G. Notley as Scribe.

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INSTITUTING CHAPTERS.

On July 3, 1909, accompanied by the R. E. Grand Lecturer, Horace S. Maynard and Charles J. Gray, of Petoskey, I instituted Boyne City Chapter. I found a zealous lot of Masons in this city, with plenty of work to keep them busy for a long time to come. They have a beautiful Masonic Temple, finely equipped. This new Chapter starts with a complete set of robes and paraphernalia for exemplifying the work, and I look for great things from these Companions. I requested the Grand Secretary to notify the contiguous Chapters.

On February 19, 1910, I instituted Vicksburg Chapter. On this occasion I was accompanied by R. E. Grand Lecturer, Horace S. Maynard and Herbert K. Jennings, of Charlotte, who assisted in the work of the evening.

The outlook for this new Chapter is very favorable, the Companions showing great interest in the work. They have a very complete and well-appointed hall, and everything indicates a prosperous and growing Chapter. I requested the Grand Secretary to notify the contiguous Chapters. I am indebted to Companions Jennings and the R. E. Grand Lecturer for their assistance.

CONSTITUTING CHAPTERS.

At our last Annual Convocation you voted charters to Morenci Chapter No. 151, Ishpeming No. 152, and Calumet No. 153. On June 25, 1909, I constituted Morenci Chapter No. 151, of Morenci, and installed the officers. I was assisted on this occasion by Companion Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary, and Companions W. F. King and E. J. Shepherd, of Adrian Chapter No. 10. A reception was given the Grand Officers at the close of the ceremonies, and a very enjoyable social hour was spent.

I desire to thank the Grand Secretary and Companions King and Shepherd for their helpful services.

On July 15, 1909, I constituted Ishpeming Chapter No. 152, and installed the officers. I was ably assisted by

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Horace S. Maynard, Grand Lecturer, Elwin F. Brown, Grand King, Past Grand High Priest Charles D. Blanchard, and Charles G. Jenks and W. H. VanIderstine, of Marquette Chapter No. 43.

A banquet followed the work of the evening. I am sure that the work which Ishpeming Chapter will bring to the Grand Chapter will be such as we are authorized to receive.

I wish to thank the Companions of Marquette Chapter and the Grand Officers who so kindly assisted me at this time, and also the Companions of Ishpeming for courtesies extended.

On July 16, 1909, I constituted Calumet Chapter No. 153, and installed the officers. I was aided on this happy occasion by Companion Horace S. Maynard, R. E. Grand Lecturer. This, the most northern Chapter in our Grand Jurisdiction, was started under the most favorable circumstances, having 155 charter members. It is well officered, and I am sure that in the years to come it will stand as a beacon light in the far north to the Royal Craft.

We were hospitably entertained while in the city of Calumet, every possible kindness and courtesy being extended to us, and I wish at this time to express my sincere thanks to the Companions for the pleasure afforded the Grand Lecturer and myself.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted the following special dispensations:

September 4, 1909, to Lapeer Chapter No. 91, to receive and ballot at the same regular upon a petition for the degrees, as the applicant was about to leave for the west on an extended trip, due notice to be given all members of the Chapter. The fee of $5.00 was sent to the Grand Secretary.

February 12, 1910, to Fremont Chapter No. 131, to

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receive and ballot at the same regular on a petition for the degrees, as the petitioner was going away for the summer, and they would not have sufficient time in which to confer the degrees if the prescribed length of time should be required. All members to have due notice. The fee of $5.00 was forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

February 17, 1910, to St. Clair Chapter No. 12, to receive and ballot at the same regular on petitions for the degrees, as the petitioners were sailors and would soon be leaving for the summer. All members to have due notice. The fee of $5.00 was forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

February 21, 1910, to Lawrence Chapter No. 95, to receive and ballot on a petition at the same regular, for the purpose of filling out the team, as the brother was going away soon and wished to take the degrees. All members to have due notice. Fee of $5.00 was forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

February 21, 1910, to Bellevue Chapter No. 57, to hold a special meeting in the town of Olivet in the rooms of Olivet Lodge No. 267, F. & A. M., for the purpose of conferring the M. and P. M. Degrees.

The candidates were residents of Olivet, as were many of the members of their Chapter, and Olivet is in the jurisdiction of Bellevue Chapter. The fee of $5.00 was sent to the Grand Secretary.

April 2, 1910, to King Cyrus Chapter No. 133, to install their Principal Sojourner who had been absent from the city since his election. Fee of $5.00 was sent to the Grand Secretary.

To the following Chapters whose regular Convocations occurred on Christmas eve or Christmas night, I granted special dispensations to hold their annual election of officers at another time, the fee being waived:

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Siroc Chapter No. 46, of Bronson.
Alma Chapter No. 123, of Alma.
South Haven Chapter No. 58, of South Haven.
Olive Chapter No. 140, of Chelsea.
Paw Paw Chapter No. 34, of Paw Paw.

REMOVAL.

May 2, 1910, I granted to Excelsior Chapter No. 25, of Ypsilanti, a special dispensation to move into their new Masonic Temple, Companion M. M. Read having inspected the rooms at my request. I waived the fee. I wish to thank Companion Read for duties well performed.

DECISIONS.

A Masonic office is a Masonic trust, and any Companion who fills the exalted station of High Priest of a Chapter should remember that careful study should be given the Red Book as well as the Ritual. If this were done, fully one-half of the questions asked the Grand High Priest would be unnecessary.

During the year I have answered many questions, a few of which I deem important and worthy of your consideration.

1.

Question: After a Companion has been elected to life membership in a Chapter can he dimit to assist in organizing a new Chapter and retain his life membership standing?

Answer: He must first return his life membership certificate for cancellation before he can be granted a certificate of permission to join in forming a new Chapter, and when the new Chapter is organized he becomes a regular member, subject to dues until made a life member of the new Chapter, which cannot be done until after the Chapter is chartered.

2.

Question: We have several Past Grand High Priests

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residing outside of Michigan. When they attend the convocation of the Grand Chapter, how shall their mileage be computed? From the Chapter of which they are members, from their former residence in Michigan, or from where they enter the state?

Answer: To be liberal in this matter I should say that their mileage should be computed from where they enter the state.

3.

Question: On June 13, 1909, I received a letter from the secretary of.....Chapter stating that they had a member who wished to go to the Masonic Home but they were not quite sure that he was eligible. The Companion had taken a Grand Lodge dimit at the time Augusta Lodge surrendered its charter, which was about 1876, and had never since affiliated with any Blue Lodge. The secretary says, "He has belonged to our Chapter since 1869 and has always paid his dues promptly. Is he a member in good standing?"

Answer: He is not entitled to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. Edict 10, Red Book.

4.

Question: "At the request of several Companions of our Chapter I wish to ask your advice in regard to conferring the Chapter degrees on Brother..... who was elected about one year ago. After his election a Companion entered an objection, the result of which has been the occasion of much comment on the attitude of the objecting Companion. The objections were well known to all the officers and many of the members, and were considered insufficient by all. If you can suggest any way of straightening out this matter, it will be greatly appreciated."

Answer: A regular objection entered after a Brother has been elected but before any degrees have been conferred, operates the same as if a black ball had been cast. The High Priest should see that a record is made of the

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objection and that the fee is returned. As to the Companion who objects, it is his constitutional right to object, and any Companion who attempts to deprive him of that right is in the wrong and may be liable to discipline. The motives of a Companion who casts a black ball or enters an objection are not to be inquired into.

5.

Question: "We received the petition of a brother for the Chapter degrees the first of November. The night of our November regular was stormy and we did not have a quorum present so held no meeting. Before our December regular the brother had moved away. At the December regular I referred the petition to a committee, but a Companion present expressed the opinion that the petitioner was not our material, as he had moved away. I ruled that he was and referred the petition. Did I do right?"

Answer: If the petition was received by a Companion for the Chapter before the petitioner had removed, he belongs to your Chapter.

Question: "Pettibone Brothers, of Cincinnati, have issued a pamphlet giving what they call the Principal Sojourner lecture, which is in some respects an addition to the ritual. Do you know anything about it and would you sanction its use?"

Answer: I have not seen the pamphlet of which you speak and know nothing about it. I would not approve of the adoption of anything that did not strictly conform to the ritualistic work of this Grand Chapter.

7.

Question: In the new Section 25 of Article 8 it provides that life members shall have been "continuously affiliated with some Chapter or Chapters not less than thirty years." How much time may be allowed for dimitting from one Chapter and becoming affiliated with another in changing residence?

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Answer: I should say that the member should have a sufficient length of time in which to become affiliated, but that not longer than six months should be allowed.

8.

Question: "Has the Grand Chapter any jurisdiction over the funds of Subordinate Chapters other than its interest in the per capita tax?"

Answer: The Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the funds of a Subordinate Chapter other than its interest in the per capita tax and exaltation fee. The funds of a Chapter are for Masonic purposes and should be held as such, but the Grand Chapter has no power to control or dictate the expenditures of the Subordinate Chapters.

9.

Question: "Can one member of a committee on a petition make a report and have the same acted upon?"

Answer: No, the petition should be signed by at least a majority of the committee to warrant action thereon. If the committee first appointed fails to report, at the next regular meeting the committee may be peremptorily discharged and a new one appointed, which, if it is willing may report immediately.

10.

Question: Is it necessary that a dimit from another Grand Jurisdiction should have the certificate of the Grand Secretary of that Jurisdiction attached certifying that it is issued by a regular Chapter?

Answer: In view of the increase of irregular so-called Masonic Bodies I hold that a dimit from another Grand Jurisdiction should have such a certificate attached under the seal of the Grand Chapter.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have thought that it is the duty of the Grand High Priest to visit as many of the Chapters in the state as

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possible, believing that some good would result from it, and that the Chapters have a right to expect it.

During my term of office it has been my pleasure to meet with as many of the Chapters as my business would allow. Everywhere I have been received in a most royal manner, every courtesy and kindness have been shown me, and the friendships thus formed I shall prize as my most cherished possessions. This is especially true of the Chapters in the Upper Peninsula where the Companions vied with each other in doing everything possible to make my stay among them pleasant and enjoyable. Here in the land of copper and iron, I found men of broad caliber who practice in their everyday lives the teachings of the Order. Here hospitality and good fellowship are found among the craftsmen, and fortunate is the stranger who comes within their gates. I can not refrain from making special mention of Gate of Temple Chapter No. 35, at Hancock, where we spent Sunday, and of Crystal Falls No. 129, where every possible kindness was shown me.

Most of my visits were at schools of instruction where I accompanied the Right Excellent Grand Lecturer.

May 27, 1909, I visited Phoenix No. 99, Hudson.

July 12, 1909, I visited Mackinac No. 134, St. Ignace.

July 13, 1909, I visited Sault Ste. Marie No. 126, Sault Ste. Marie.

July 14, 1909, I visited Marquette No. 42, Marquette.

July 15, 1909, I visited Ishpeming No. 152, Ishpeming; Negaunee No. 108, Negaunee.

July 16, 1909, I visited Calumet No. 153, Calumet.

July 19, 1909, I visited Gate of Temple No. 35, Hancock.

July 21, 1909, I visited Crystal Falls No. 129, Crystal Falls.

July 22, 1909, I visited Iron Mountain No. 121, Iron Mountain.

September 8, 1909, I visited River Raisin No. 22, Monroe.

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November 26, 1909, I visited Grand Rapids No. 7, Grand Rapids.

This event was of unusual interest. In the afternoon the Royal Arch degree was conferred in an impressive manner, the team exalted at that time being their twentieth for the year. In the evening eleven Past High Priests were honored by being presented with beautiful Past High Priest's jewels. The occasion was one of rare pleasure, and one in which the ladies participated.

December 2, 1909, I visited Battle Creek No. 19, Battle Creek.

December 16, 1909, I visited Union City No. 53, Union City.

February 15, 1910, I visited Charlotte No. 82, Charlotte.

This being the home of our R. E. Grand Leturer, I expected to see perfect work. I not only saw perfect work, but some new features were introduced which added wonderfully to the attractiveness and solemnity of the work. It was one of the most dignified and impressive exaltations that it has ever been my privilege to witness.

February 17, 1910, I visited Capital No. 9, Lansing.

March 10, 1910, I visited Blanchard No. 59, Bay City.

March 10, 1910, I visited Bay City No. 136, Bay City.

March 24, 1910, I visited Wyandotte No. 131, Wyandotte.

March 29, 1910, I visited LaFayette No. 4, Marshall.

April 15, 1910, I visited Temple No. 21, Coldwater.

May 10, 1910, I visited Adrian No. 10, Adrian.

We had the pleasure of having with us at Marquette our beloved Companion Past Grand High Priest Charles D. Blanchard, and at Ishpeming, Crystal Falls and Iron Mountain, R. E. Grand King Elwin F. Brown. These two Companions contributed largely to our enjoyment on these visits, and I am deeply indebted to them for courtesies extended to me.

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I have noticed in all the towns that I have visited that the Chapter holds a place of influence in the community, and that its members represent the best citizenship. I have observed a strict adherence to the ritual in nearly all Chapters, and the beneficial results of the diligent work of our very capable R. E. Grand Lecturer. I noticed particularly a marked improvement in the Royal Arch Degree, it being conferred in a more impressive and dignified manner than formerly.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

On November 7, 1909, in company with the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Arthur E. Stevens, I attended the Thirty-Fourth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, held in the city of Savannah, Georgia.

We have very pleasant recollections of our trip to the Southland, and of the cordial reception and true southern hospitality accorded us by the companions of Georgia.

The business of the session was conducted in the usual manner, nothing of importance coming up for consideration.

The question has arisen in my mind, What disposition is to be made of the accumulated funds of the General Grand Chapter? Our Grand Chapter pays each year about two hundred dollars into its treasury, and I can not see that we derive any real benefit from our connection with it.

It seems to me that the General Grand Body should at least defray the expenses to the triennial Convocation of the representatives who compose it.

SECRETARIES.

A good secretary is an important officer in a Subordinate Chapter, and wherever one is found the Chapter is generally alive and flourishing. He is supposed to be informed on all matters connected with the Chapter, but he

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seldom has the opportunity of attending a meeting of the Grand Chapter.

It is the custom in nearly all Chapters, when the High Priest or King or Scribe is unable to attend the Grand Chapter, to give his proxy to some Companion desiring it. I therefore recommend that, when it is impossible for the High Priest or King or Scribe to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, the proxy be given to the secretary.

LOST RITUALS.

After all that has been said on the subject of lost rituals it would seem that more care would be exercised by High Priests to guard against their being lost. I find that more rituals are lost track of by the subordinate officers where the rituals are passed around from one officer to another. By Grand Chapter regulation the High Priest is held responsible for them and must sign a receipt in the returns for both rituals. This, some will do without a personal knowledge where the second copy may be. I recommend that each High Priest shall be personally in posssesion of both Grand Chapter rituals on his installation and before receipting for the same in the annual returns and he shall not deliver them into the hands of any other member without receiving a receipt by number therefor. Any ritual lost shall subject the Companion last receipting for the same to the penalty prescribed by Grand Chapter regulations. (See Red Book, Page 104, Rituals.)

RECOMMENDATIONS.

At the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter the Finance Committee recommended that no charter be granted to a Chapter until it should be self-supporting.

The first part of Article 4, Section 2, of the constitution reads: "A petition in due form signed by at least nine regular Royal Arch Masons, praying for a charter."

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I have given this matter considerable thought and it is my opinion that it is much easier to start a new Chapter today with twenty charter members than it was to start one with nine when this law was made. As no Chapter can be self-supporting with nine members, and as considerable work must be done before it is brought to the condition of self-support, I therefore recommend that Article 4, Section 2, be amended by striking out the word "nine" in the second line thereof, and inserting the word "twenty." The section will then read as follows: "A petition in due form, signed by at least twenty regular Royal Arch Masons, praying for a Charter."

No provision has ever been made by this Grand Body for advancing the traveling and office expenses of the Grand High Priest.

If this were done, it would save much trouble and annoyance on the part of the Grand High Priest, as well as lessen the work of the Grand Secretary and Finance Committee. I therefore recommend that the sum of four hundred dollars be advanced to the Grand High Priest at the beginning of his term of office, and at the end of the year he render an account of the same, returning the unexpended balance, if there be any.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Many glowing tributes have been paid to the Grand Secretary by my illustrious predecessors, and I feel that it would be impossible for me to add any words of praise or commendation. It has been my pleasure to be intimately acquainted with Grand Secretary Conover for many years, and to know him as I know him is to hold him in the highest esteem. His home city is one that I visit many times each year, and I have spent many hours in his office. I therefore feel that I am thoroughly acquainted with the duties of his office. There are very few who can form any idea of the vast amount of

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work required of the Grand Secretary. Each Grand High Priest must depend very largely upon him for information and advice, both of which he is able and willing to impart from his rich store-house.

It was a source of great pleasure to me to find during my attendance at the meetings of the General Grand Chapter held three years ago in Boston and last November in the city of Savannah, that he was held in the highest esteem among the Grand Secretaries of other states. His election to the office of Secretary of the Grand Secretaries' Guild was a high compliment to him as well as an honor to our state.

I wish at this time to express my sincere gratitude for the valuable assistance he has rendered me during my term of office, and the cheerful and ready response he has ever made to my many demands.

The thoroughly capable and efficient manner in which he performs the exacting duties of this impartant office is of the greatest possible value to this Grand Chapter.

Michigan is the fifth state in point of numbers in the General Chapter, and we are paying our Grand Secretary a much smaller salary than some states with fewer numbers. The business man of to-day is quick to recognize worth in an employee and is willing to pay an adequate salary for duties well performed. I think you will agree with me that our Grand Secretary is receiving a salary that is altogether too small. We are aware that the work is increasing every year, and therefore the salary should be increased accordingly. This is the way they advertise us in other jurisdictions:

"We seldom refer to the financial policy of a Grand Chapter, it's not our affair, but we can hardly help remarking upon the small salary of the Grand Secretary. A Grand Chapter with over 19,000 members in the jurisdiction, and a salary of only $800.00 to the Grand Secretary, are out of proportion, and then, too, such a Secretary as Conover."

I therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter in-

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crease the salary of the Grand Secretary four hundred dollars per annum, making it $1,200, thus showing that we fully appreciate him as a thoroughly competent officer.

GRAND LECTURER.

The office of Grand Lecturer is the most important office of this Grand Chapter, and the man who fills it should be characterized by broad learning and scholarly attainments. He should not only possess an accurate knowledge of his ritual, but he should know how to impart his knowledge in a tactful manner, that the sensitive officers may not be offended at any suggestions he may make. He should also be one who is willing to give praise where praise is due.

The Grand Lecturer is, in reality, the Masonic teacher of 20,000 students who look for words of wisdom and for the correct interpretation of the ritual. He should also posesss a thorough knowledge of Masonic law, as he is liable to be asked many questions wherever he holds a school of instruction, and he is expected to be able to answer them in an intelligent manner.

Long years of study in the archives of Masonry are required to fit one to occupy this position, and each year that he fills the office renders him more valuable to the Royal Craft.

All these requirements our present Grand Lecturer, Horace S. Maynard, possesses. He has unearthed and brought to light many important discoveries in our work, correcting here and there a grammatical or rhetorical error, until to-day Michigan has as perfect an interpretation of the work as any Grand Chapter in the United States. This is in a large measure due to the untiring efforts of our present Grand Lecturer.

A large part of the time of the Grand Lecturer must of necessity be given up to the duties of his office, his own profession suffering great loss in consequence.

It is not only my personal opinion, but the opinion

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also of those who have preceded me in the office of Grand High Priest, that the salary attached to the office of Grand Lecturer is inadequate to the valuable services rendered. This Grand Chapter would suffer an irreparable loss if our present Grand Lecturer should resign. Our finances at present are in such a condition that we can well afford to increase his salary as well as that of the Grand Secretary.

I therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter increase the salary of the Grand Lecturer $400 per annum, making it $1,000, and I sincerely hope that this will meet with your approval.

MASONIC HOME.

There is no word in all the English language that means so much as the word "Home."

On December 30, 1909, in company with the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Arthur E. Stevens, I made a visit to the Masonic Home, at Grand Rapids. I found everything in a satisfactory condition under the capable supervision of Superintendent McArthur and his wife. The beneficiaries were well cared for, and those of them with whom we had any conversation expressed themselves as being contented and happy.

On the morning of February 16 the news flashed over the state that the Masonic Home had been destroyed by fire, together with practically all of its contents. It is needless to say that this was a matter of deepest regret to the Masonic fraternity.

Companions, the grave question that confronts us today is this—What provision are we going to make for those who are dependent upon us for care and protection? I am sure that we were all proud of our Masonic Home, but was it what it should have been? It seems to me that there was a lack of appreciation of what that Home might have been made. The establishment and support of a Masonic Home is a practical illustration of the

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principles we teach, and should commend our Order to its members and to society at large as nothing else can do.

Whatever man presents for the respect and confidence of the community must stand the test of utility. Results are what count. What are we going to do for our less fortunate Companions? Should we not broaden out and reach a higher plane of usefulness? Then let us have a Home that is large enough and complete enough in every detail to accommodate every distressed Mason, widow or orphan who may apply to us.

What grander work could we do for the orphans than to provide for them a home where they may be shielded from the hardships and temptations which they are so sure to encounter?

According to the rules which govern the Masonic Home to-day, we can admit only the man or the woman who is absolutely destitute. This is not as it should be. We ought to be able to receive any Mason who has a few hundred dollars, who is willing to turn that money over to the Home in return for the privilege of being cared for the rest of his life. Why not let the money received in this way be the nucleus of an endowment fund which would increase as the years go by? Toward what nobler work or holier service could we, as Masons, direct our efforts? Words cannot do this. Words are empty. One noble deed is worth a thousand words. Our professions along certain lines are as pretentious as those of the church, and yet the church shames us in its giving and in the vast amount of money it expends along the lines of charity and benevolence, and the greater part of this money comes from those who are less able to give than the average Mason.

We know that many people are apt to fight new ideas and oppose every step of progress. Perhaps there may be some even among our own numbers who will look with disfavor upon such a proposition. But, Companions, if we are alive to our duty in this respect we will gladly

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respond to the need of an up-to-date Masonic Home, for it presents an opportunity for us to be Masons in fact as well as in name. Let us have a Home of which the good old State of Michigan may be justly proud. And so, to-day, I appeal to you to act, to act as men who realize your responsibilities, as Masons are expected to act,—generously, nobly, magnificently.

CONCLUSION.

And now, Companions, I have given you an accurate account of the work of the year that is now about to close. For ten years you have honored me by advancing me from station to station to this the highest in your power to bestow, and I am now about to take my place among the workmen. But I assure you that I shall never lose my interest in this Royal Craft, and its welfare and prosperity will always be very dear to me.

My heart is filled with gratitude when I recall the many acts of kindness which I have received at your hands. There have been very many pleasant features of the work which will cause me to remember the past year as the brightest one in life's journey. My aim has ever been to labor for the good of our noble Order, and I have endeavored to discharge to the best of my ability the duties incumbent upon the office, and if my actions meet with your approval, I shall feel that my efforts have not been in vain.

I wish at this time to thank the Companions of this Grand Chapter and my staff of officers for their loyal support, and for every courtesy extended to me.

"There are voices of the Past
Links of a broken chain,
Wings that can bear me back to Times
Which cannot come again;
Yet God forbid that I should lose
The echoes that remain."

M. E. Grand High Priest.

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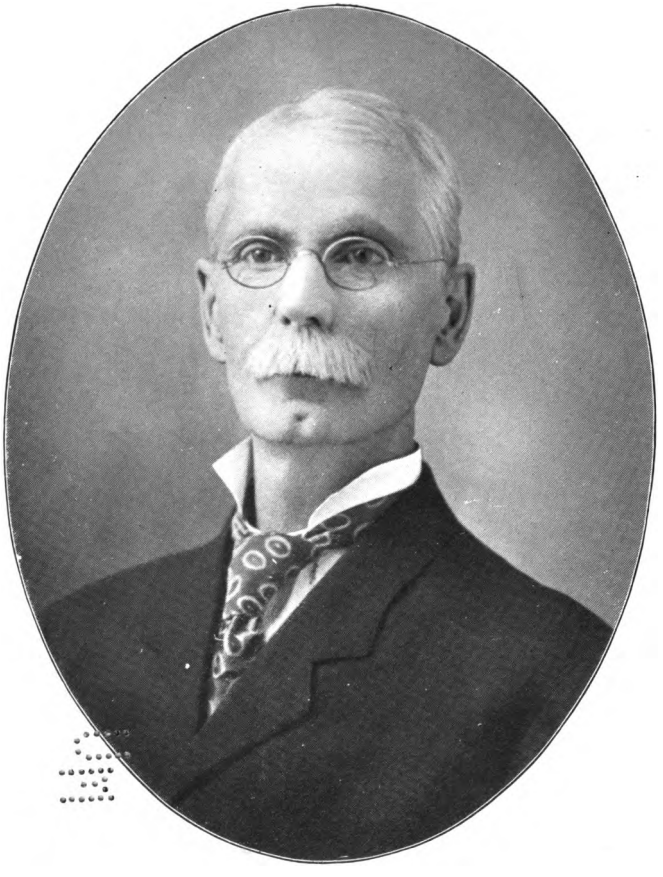

Emerson W. Newell
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Division and Reference

On motion of Companion Clare E. Wise the address of the Grand High Priest was referred to a committee of three for division and reference to the several committees. The Grand High Priest appointed as such committee,

Companions CLARE E. WISE,
WILLIAM H. VAN IDERSTINE,
EDGAR H. HOTCHKISS.

Grand Treasurer's Report.

Companion Emerson M. Newell then read his annual report as Grand Treasurer which was referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of Companion Reuben C. Webb.

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

Your Grand Treasurer presents the following as his annual report:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at close of Annual Convocation, May 19, 1909.....							$ 7,561.08
Aug. 26,	from	C. A.	Conover,	Gd.	Sec..	$ 100.00	
Dec. 29,	"	"	"	"	"	1882.50	
1910.							
Jan. 3,	"	"	"	"	"	2047.00	
Jan. 5,	"	"	"	"	"	1502.50	
Jan. 7,	"	"	"	"	"	2940.00	
Jan. 12,	"	"	"	"	"	1886.90	
Feb. 7,	"	"	"	"	"	773.00	
Mar. 17,	"	"	"	"	"	406.00	
May 10,	"	"	"	"	"	144.38	$11,682.28
Total receipts.....							$19,243.36

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Warrant			
No.	1562.	Lou B. Winsor, Randall funeral.....	$ 10.32
"	1594.	M. Earl Brackett, allowance Gd. H. P...	175.00
"	1595.	Jas. F. McGregor, Grand Sentinel.....	50.00
"	1596.	Masonic Tem. Asso., use of Temple.....	50.00
"	1597.	John Kay & Co., jewel for M. E. Brackett	140.00
"	1598.	C. A. Conover, correspondence report...	100.00
"	1599.	Board of Control Mas. Home, per capita tax	1629.80
"	1600.	Manistee Chap. No. 65, dues returned...	73.50
"	1601.	Thos. H. Williams, Custodian Relief Fund	144.92
"	1602.	H. S. Maynard, salary to July 1, 1909...	150.00
"	1603.	C. A. Conover, office rent to Apr. 1, 1909	25.00
"	1604.	C. A. Conover, salary to July 1, 1909...	200.00
"	1605.	C. A. Conover, const. Morenci Chapter..	7.92
"	1606.	Geo. W. Armstrong, inst. Boyne City Chapter	31.17
"	1607.	Geo. W. Armstrong, Charlotte and Morenci trip.....	11.85
"	1608.	C. J. Gray, inst. Boyne City Chapter....	4.68
"	1609.	H. T. McGrath, print. proceedings, 1909	371.89
"	1610.	H. T. McGrath, ptg. and ex. on Proceedings	71.35
"	1611.	G. W. Armstrong, mil. and per diem....	98.59
"	1612.	W. H. VanIderstine, mil. and per diem..	4.08
"	1613.	C. D. Blanchard, mil. and p. d., Ishpeming	4.08
"	1614.	E. F. Brown, mil. and p. d., Ishpeming.	8.68
"	1615.	F. G. Jenks, mil. and p. d., Ishpeming...	4.08
"	1616.	H. S. Maynard, schools to July 5.....	47.91
"	1617.	H. S. Maynard, schools of ins. to July 27	109.44
"	1618.	M. W. Wimer, premium on bonds.....	37.50
"	1619.	W. F. Casselman, Disp. fee returned....	100.00
"	1620.	C. A. Conover, trip to Montague.....	17.58
"	1621.	H. T. McGrath, reprint of Proceedings..	224.25
"	1622.	Chris. G. Fox, Sec., G. G. Chap. Dues....	191.11
"	1623.	Frank N. Clark, Exp. Mas. Home Board.	9.97
"	1624.	Bernice Sorter, Mem. Register.....	65.00
"	1625.	Chas. L. Keep, Insurance.....	19.50
"	1626.	C. A. Conover, postage.....	14.33
"	1627.	C. A. Conover, exp. and telephone.....	8.10
"	1628.	Conover Eng. & Printing Co., printing..	36.80
"	1629.	H. S. Maynard, schools of instruction..	59.58
"	1630.	C. A. Conover, office rent to Oct. 1, 1909.	25.00

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No.	1631.	C. A. Conover, salary to Oct. 1, 1909...	$ 200.00
"	1632.	H. S. Maynard, salary to Oct. 1, 1909...	150.00
"	1633.	A. E. Stevens, exp. Gen. G. Chap.....	109.95
"	1634.	G. W. Armstrong, exp. Gen. G. Chapter.	118.06
"	1635.	G. W. Armstrong, trips to Monroe and Grand Rapids.....	26.03
"	1636.	H. S. Maynard, schools of inst. to Nov. 13, '09.....	65.70
"	1637.	H. S. Maynard, exp. schools of inst. Dec. 10.....	94.56
"	1638.	H. S. Maynard, salary to Jan. 1, 1910...	150.00
"	1639.	C. A. Conover, exp. to Battle Creek....	6.90
"	1640.	C. A. Conover, salary to Jan. 1, '10....	200.00
"	1641.	C. A. Conover, office rent.....	25.00
"	1642.	Geo. W. Armstrong, insp. trip.....	30.12
"	1643.	J. F. McGregor, laundering aprons.....	16.00
"	1644.	H. T. McGrath, reprint of proceedings..	69.70
"	1645.	A. E. Stevens, trip to Masonic Home....	15.54
"	1646.	Conover Eng. & Ptg. Co., misc. printing.	56.95
"	1647.	E. J. Allen, telegrams and telephones...	3.20
"	1648.	B. B. Gorman, post. and st. envelopes..	54.44
"	1649.	C. A. Conover, exp. and off. expenses....	9.17
"	1650.	F. N. Clark, Masonic Home Board.....	12.79
"	1651.	H. K. Jennings, Vicksburg Chap.....	6.00
"	1652.	G. W. Armstrong, funeral Benj. Porter..	5.76
"	1653.	J. F. McGregor, gloves, funeral.....	3.00
"	1654.	J. F. McGregor, funeral B. Porter.....	7.56
"	1655.	E. M. Newell, funeral B. Porter.....	8.64
"	1656.	C. A. Conover, funeral B. Porter.....	5.58
"	1657.	H. S. Maynard, funeral B. Porter.....	5.04
"	1658.	John Claflin, funeral B. Porter.....	4.44
"	1659.	E. S. Atherton, funeral B. Porter.....	7.32
"	1660.	F. F. Giddings, funeral B. Porter.....	7.56
"	1661.	J. F. Barrows, funeral B. Porter.....	8.94
"	1662.	C. D. Blanchard, funeral B. Porter.....	34.00
"	1663.	C. M. Norton, funeral B. Porter.....	8.94
"	1664.	F. N. Clark, funeral B. Porter.....	9.24
"	1665	W. F. Denfeld, funeral B. Porter.....	9.12
"	1666.	L. B. Winsor, funeral B. Porter.....	12.78
"	1667.	Vandercook Peek & Co., fun. B. Porter..	16.00
"	1668.	Clara Brown & Co., flowers Porter fun..	10.00
"	1669.	H. S. Maynard, salary to date.....	150.00
"	1670.	C. A. Conover, salary to date.....	200.00
"	1671.	C. A. Conover, office rent.....	25.00

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No.	1672.	G. W. Armstrong, expenses visitations..	75.63
"	1673.	Bernice Sorter, membership register....	36.00
"	1674.	Underwood typewriter Co., repairs....	7.00
"	1675.	C. A. Conover, mil. P. D. Lansing and Battle Creek.....	10.20
"	1676.	H. K. Jennings, trip to Coldwater.....	10.20
"	1677.	H. S. Maynard, exp. schools of instruction	81.66
"	1678.	Outstanding.	
"	1679.	G. W. Armstrong, trip Alma, Gd. Rap., Coldwater	38.40
"	1680.	C. A. Conover, light and heat of office...	25.00
"	1681.	M. M. Read, Mas. Home Bd.....	28.27
"	1682.	C. A. Conover, office expense.....	14.35
"	1683.	C. A. Conover, office expense and ptg...	28.55
			$6,647.27

Recapitulation.

Cash on hand at commencement of year	$ 7,561.08	
Received during the year.....	11,682.28	
		$19,243.36

Disbursed.

Paid 90 warrants.....	$ 6,647.27	
Paid pay roll May 18, 1910.....	2,395.78	
		$ 9,043.05
Leaving balance on hand.....		$10,200.31

Fraternally submitted,

Emerson M Snell
Gd Treas

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Chas. A. Conover

R. E. GRAND SECRETARY

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Grand Secretary's Report.

Companion Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary, then read his annual report which on his motion was referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Grand Chapter:

I take pleasure in presenting my seventh annual report of the affairs appertaining to the clerical work of the Grand Chapter office.

PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings of the last Annual Convocation were issued as soon as possible after the meeting and distributed in the usual manner.

During the past year the reprinting of old proceedings was completed as far as the appropriation would permit, which completed the year 1860 from the organization of Grand Chapter in 1848. There are yet the years 1861-2-3-4 and 1867-8-9 also 1876 to be supplied as opportunity presents.

INVENTORY.

The Finance Committee made a visit to the Grand Chapter office and an inventory of the Grand Chapter property was made and the same appended to this report for the information of those who desire it. A complete catalog of all the proceedings in the library has been made for ready reference and additions are being made almost daily. Some additional book sections should be added to the library this year and two more steel document file sections should be added to the vault equipment for the annual returns, also some vertical transfer files for correspondence and documents.

NEW CHAPTERS.

I have prepared dispensations and issued supplies for two new Chapters. To Boyne City Chapter at Boyne City with ten charter members instituted by the Grand High Priest, and to Vicksburg Chapter at Vicksburg with twenty-one charter members instituted by the Grand High Priest. Petitions for charters have been sent to them and charters will be asked for at this meeting.

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RICHMOND CHAPTER.

At the last Annual Convocation the petition of several Companions at Richmond for the return of the charter of Richmond Chapter No. 64, was granted provided the Companions petitioning were found to be qualified. Upon checking over the list I found there were only nine of the 18 signers who were former members of said Chapter and one of those at that time resided in Illinois and was under suspension for non-payment of dues. I notified the petitioners of the circumstances and advised them to give up the idea of reviving the old Chapter, but to organize a new one. This they proceeded to do and now have the papers all complete except one certificate from Ludington Chapter No. 92, which for some reason is not forthcoming. Although several times requested, no reply has been received.

TRAVELING TRIANGLE.

It was my privilege to be present at the notable visit of McKinley Chapter No. 181, of Cleveland to King Cyrus Chapter No. 133, on September 11 last, at which time the "Traveling Triangle" was delivered. This was a very beautiful ceremony and greatly enjoyed by a large gathering of Royal Arch Masons. Two teams were exalted, one by each Chapter, thus giving Michigan Companions a rare opportunity to witness one of the most enthusiastic Chapters of Ohio give the Royal Arch work. The purpose of the traveling triangle is to promote visits among Chapters of different jurisdictions. St. Patrick's Chapter, of Toronto, was the originator of the idea. The triangle is to travel around the Capitular world and at each stop a chapter of history is added to the book which accompanies it. When it returns eventually to St. Patrick's Chapter it will have united into warm friendship the hearts of thousands of Companions who otherwise might have remained strangers for life.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

It was my privilege to be present at the triennial sessions of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council held in Savannah, Georgia, the week of November 8. I was not in any sense a delegate or representative authorized by you, but prompted by the pleasures and personal profit derived from the triennials at Boston three years ago, I undertook the trip at my own expense, believing that a broader knowledge of the

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workings of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in other Grand Jurisdictions and a closer acquaintance with the representative Masons from those Jurisdictions would be of great assistance to me in my labors in your behalf as your Grand Secretary (some Jurisdictions recognizing this fact make their Grand Secretary one of the regular representatives.) I was royally welcomed by those whose acquaintance I had formed previously and was honored by the General Grand High Priest by appointment on two of the important committees, those of Jurisprudence and Next Place of Meeting. Michigan was brought very prominently before the General Grand Chapter by reason of the full report by the General Grand Secretary of the correspondence between that officer and myself regarding the relation which Michigan bears to the General Grand Chapter of which you will hear further in a separate report.

GRAND SECRETARIES' GUILD.

During the week a meeting was held of the Masonic Grand Secretaries' Guild, an organization of many of the Grand Secretaries and Grand Recorders of the Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, Grand Commanderies and Scottish Rite bodies of the United States and other countries. It was a most enjoyable event and permitted those of us who had become friends by pen and ink to press the hand of flesh: To confer about methods and means used by each other and offer helpful suggestions for improving our work as recording officers. No one has a monopoly of all knowledge and one willing may get many valuable suggestions from others. So this organization is a "clearing house of ideas" for Grand Secretaries. The Grand Chapter of South Carolina, a neighbor of Georgia which entertained the General Grand Bodies, took it upon itself to be the special hosts of the Guild and furnished the place of meeting which was the club house of the Savannah Yacht Club. An elaborate sea food dinner was afterwards served at "Bannon's Lodge," a celebrated resort, all at the expense of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

We were further honored by having as guests the Grand Officers of both the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Councils and the Committees on Correspondence present from the various states, which made an occasion never to be forgotten.

At this meeting I was accorded the distinguished honor of being elected Secretary of the Guild for the term of three

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years, an honor which I feel is due to the exalted position which Michigan occupies in Masonry in this country.

DUPLICATE CHAPTER.

By order of the Grand High Priest on May 19, 1909, I issued to Manistee Chapter No. 65, a duplicate charter to replace the charter burned by the destruction of the Masonic Hall at Manistee on May 10, 1901. A warrant for $73.50 was drawn in favor of the same Chapter, remitting the annual dues of 1908.

CONTINGENT FUND.

I would recommend that a warrant for the sum of $100 be drawn at the beginning of the year in favor of the Grand Secretary to be held as a contingent fund from which the current office expenses may be paid, account to be rendered to the Finance Committee for the same.

CHAPTER RETURNS.

The returns of the Chapters were in better shape this year than last and were nearly all received on time. They indicate a steady increase on the whole, although not quite so many Chapters increased their membership.

The following statistical information is summarized from the returns:

Number of Chartered Chapters.....147		
Number of Chapters U. D..... 2		
Number of Defunct Chapters..... 6		
Membership, Dec. 27, 1908, with corrections.		19,111
Exalted in the year 1909.....	1,262	
Affiliated	164	
Restored	40	
Total gains shown.....		1,466
		20,577
Died in the year 1909.....	309	
Dimitted	195	
Suspended	155	
Withdrawn	21	
Total losses		680
Total membership, Dec. 27, 1909.....		19,897

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Net gain for the year	786	
Average membership of Chapters	134	
Largest Chapter, Peninsula, No. 16, Detroit	1,004	
Smallest Chapter, Morenci, U. D.	15	
Number of Chapters having Exaltations	118	
Number of Chapters having no Exaltations	27	
Number Chapters showing gain in Membership	90	
Number Chapters showing loss in Membership	40	
Number Chapters showing same Membership	18	

18 Chapters exalted six teams or over during 1909. King Cyrus, No. 133, 83; Grand Rapids, No. 7, 59; Columbian, No. 132, 56; Peninsular, No. 16, 50; Monroe, No. 1, 39; Capitol, No. 9, 34; Battle Creek, No. 19, 30; Sault Ste. Marie, No. 126, 30; Jackson, No. 3, 27; Gate of Temple, No. 35, 21; Muskegon, No. 47, 21; Calvin Britain, No. 72, 21; Sanilac, No. 145, 20; Washington, No. 15, 19; Owosso, No. 89, 18; Ludington, No. 92, 18; Fremont, No. 131, 18; Calumet, No. 153, 18.

Total membership		19,897

EXEMPT FROM DUES.

Life Members	492	
Members' dues remitted, unable to pay	626	
Secretaries' dues remitted	147	
Exalted in the year	1,262	
Members Chapters U. D.	22	
Total exempt		2,549
Number subject to per capita tax for Masonic Home		17,348
Per Capita at 10c on 17,348 Members		$1,734.80
Grand Chapter dues paid		11,171.50
Excess over 1908		711.50

The information tables indicate that there are 2,777 members in arrears for dues more than one year or an average of about 19 for each Chapter. The highest dues are $5.00 and the lowest are 50 cents, the average $1.90. 48 Chapters report that the Masonic fraternity owns the halls they meet in. 107 Chapters report that they carry insurance on their pro-property. 111 do not have libraries for the proper care and

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protection for the annual proceedings, red books, etc. 5 Chapters held but two regular Convocations in the year: Numbers 39, 56, 78, 95, 110. 6 held only three regulars: Numbers 83, 97, 101, 116, 120, 128.

FINANCIAL.

Receipts during the year have been as follows:

Receipts from May 19, 1909, to May 10, 1910—	
Grand Chapter dues	$11,171.50
Charter fee Boyne City Chapter	100.00
Charter fee Montague	100.00
Charter fee Vicksburg	100.00
Charter fee Richmond	100.00
Grand Council High Priesthood	10.00
Red Books sold	7.31
Grand Chapter Certificates	11.50
6 Special Dispensations Grand High Priest at $5.00	30.00
C. D. Blanchard, warrant returned	4.08
Benj. Porter fund unused	44.17
Error in Pay Check, C. M. Norton	3.72
Total receipts	$11,682.28
Grand Treasurer's Balance, 1909	7,561.08
	$19,243.36
Total orders drawn	$ 6,643.31
Balance	$12,600.05
No. 1562 outstanding last session	10.32
Balance to commence session	$12,589.73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Aug. 25, E. M. Newell, Grand Treasurer.	$ 100.00
Dec. 29, E. M. Newell, Grand Treasurer.	1,882.50
Jan. 3, E. M. Newell, Grand Treasurer.	2,047.00
Jan. 5, E. M. Newell, Grand Treasurer.	1,502.50
Jan. 6, E. M. Newell, Grand Treasurer.	2,940.00
Jan. 12, E. M. Newell, Grand Treasurer.	1,886.90
Feb. 7, E. M. Newell, Grand Treasurer.	773.00
Mar. 16, E. M. Newell, Grand Treasurer.	406.00
May 10, E. M. Newell, Grand Treasurer	144.38
Total	$11,682.28

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I have deposited with the Finance Committee the receipts for the above amount. The excess of receipts over last year is $811.11

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES FOR YEAR.

I have subdivided the vouchers under separate heads that you may more readily see what the different departments of our work has cost. Warrants have been drawn from Nos. 1594 to 1683 both inclusive for the sum of $6,643.31. This is $60.76 less than last year.

INSTITUTION AND CONSTITUTION OF CHAPTERS.

Expense to Boyne City	$ 60.66	
Expense to Morenci	13.92	
Expense to Ishpeming	28.12	
Expense to Calumet	19.52	
C. A. Conover, expense to Montague	17.58	
Expense to Vicksburg	18.30	
Express and telegrams	1.04	
		$ 159.14

GRAND CHAPTER MEETING.

Allowance Grand Sentinel	$ 50.00	
Rent of Temple	50.00	
Express on Trunk	3.56	
Pay checks, Notices, Cards, List Represent	33.75	
Laundering aprons	16.00	
Grand Secretary, trip to Lansing	10.20	
		$ 163.51

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S OFFICE.

Allowance M. E. Brackett	$ 175.00	
Jewel, M. E. Brackett	140.00	
G. W. Armstrong, Visiting Chapters	226.80	
Postage, Stationery and Office Expense	17.95	
		$ 559.75

PROCEEDINGS AND REPRINTS.

H. T. McGrath, 850 copies, 1909	$ 371.89
H. T. McGrath, Postage and Express	71.35

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Correspondence report	100.00	
Reprint 1854 to 1859	224.25	
Reprint 1860	69.70	
Express, cuts, etc	8.38	
		$ 845.57

GRAND LECTURER'S OFFICE.

Salary for year	$ 600.00	
Mileage and per diem, schools	420.68	
Stationery and office expense	14.06	
		$1,034.74

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Rent of office and vault	$ 100.00	
Salary for year	800.00	
Fuel and lights	25.00	
Work on Membership Register	101.00	
Postage and express	67.28	
Typewriter repairs and supplies	9.90	
Stationery, circulars, etc	32.40	
Quarterly notices	16.00	
Telephone and office supplies	9.94	
Trip to Battle Creek	6.90	
		$1,168.42

BONDS AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

Grand Treasurer's Bond, $10,000	$ 25.00	
Grand Secretary's Bond, $5,000	12.50	
Insurance $1,500 on office	19.50	
		$57.00

MASONIC HOME.

Annual Per-capita Tax	$ 1,629.80	
F. N. Clark, expenses Board Meetings	22.76	
M. M. Read, expenses Board Meetings	28.27	
George W. Armstrong, exp. Bd. Meetings	14.46	
A. E. Stevens, expenses Board Meetings	15.54	
		$1,710.83

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Postage and stationery	$ 6.13	
H. K. Jennings, trip to Coldwater	10.20	
E. J. Shepherd, trip to Coldwater	6.36	
		$22.69

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

C. G. Fox, per-capita dues	$ 191.11	
A. E. Stevens, expenses Savannah	109.95	
G. W. Armstrong, expenses Savannah	118.06	
Express	1.85	
		$420.97

BENJAMIN PORTER FUNERAL.

Mileage and Per Diem	$ 134.92	
J. F. McGregor, Gloves	3.00	
Vandercook, Peek & Co., Carriages	16.00	
Clara Brown & Co., Flowers	10.00	
Memorials to Chapters	7.50	
Telegrams	9.60	
Otsego Hotel, room	1.25	
		$ 182.27

MISCELLANEOUS.

Dues remitted, Manistee Chapter, No. 65.	$ 73.50	
Relief Fund	144.92	
Fee returned to Montague	100.00	
Total expense		$6,643.31

I wish to express my gratitude to the Grand Officers and Companions and particularly to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest for many courtesies received during the year. The year just closed has been a business administration on the part of our Grand High Priest. He has sacrificed much time to his duties and great improvements in all lines will be observed in the reports. He is deserving of our most hearty thanks and congratulations. In the language of "Old Rip": "May he live long and prosper."

Fraternally submitted,

Chas. A. Conover

Grand Secretary.

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INVENTORY OF GRAND CHAPTER PROPERTY.

1 supply case for stationery and blanks, with usual supply.
½ interest in trunk for annual meetings.
2 chests for picture frames.
239 Red Books, 1908.
34 Open Sectional Book shelves, pine.
1 Desk table.
1 Underwood typewriter.
1 Work table.
6 Sections, Steel Filing Cases, with top and base for 4x6 card membership register.
1 Section steel filing cases, returns.
2 Roll front filing cases for returns.
1 Oak Ritual Chest.
3 Black Books.
92 Rituals.
15 Parchment Charters.
1 Pine filing case, containing reports, bills, vouchers, etc.
58 File Cases for current proceedings, and shelves.
8 Blank Memorial Records.
53 Framed pictures of Grand High Priests.
4 Framed pictures, groups of Grand Officers.
137 Filing boxes for returns.
1 Ritual Record.
1 Charter Record of duplicate charters.
22 Sections (Globe-Wernicke Book Cases, No. C 9½ with 3 tops and bases.)
3 Sections (Globe-Wernicke Book Cases, No. C 11.)
2 Sections (Globe-Wernicke Book Cases 2-3 size with 1 top and 1 base.)
1 Typewriter desk and chair.
Membership Register—Card System—including 1909 returns, costing $2,025.38.
9 Records of extinct Chapters.
1 Filing index.
1 Ledger, record of Subordinate Chapters.
20 Half tone cuts, Grand High Priests.
1 Waste Basket.

Office stationery and blanks.

2 Berger steel sections 3x5 card index drawers.
1—1301—Vert. Letter File unit (Globe-Wernicke.)
1—1301—Document File unit (Globe-Wernicke.)
1—1701—Legal Blank X Draw unit (Globe-Wernicke.)
1—1301—Legal Blank Draw unit (Globe-Wernicke.)

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1—1301—L. Base unit (Globe-Wernicke.)
1—4x6 Desk Card Index.
1—3x5 Desk Card Index.

LIBRARY.

353 Bound Volumes Proceedings, other Grand Chapters.
86 Bound Volumes Proceedings, Grand Chapter of Michigan
63 Cloth Volumes Proceedings, Grand Chapter of Michigan.
98 Bound Volumes Proceedings, Grand Lodges.
965 Paper Volumes Proceedings, Grand Lodges.
71 Bound Volumes Proceedings, Grand Commanderies.
61 Paper Volumes Proceedings, Grand Commanderies.
12 Bound Volumes Masonic Letters and Memorials.
4 Bound Volumes Supreme Council 33d Degree.
2 Bound Volumes "Gems from the Quarry."

SURPLUS PROCEEDINGS GRAND CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN.

165	Copies	Reprints	'48 to '53	73	Copies	Originals	1884
199	"	"	'54 to '57	67	"	"	1885
190	"	"	'58 to '59	49	"	"	1886
193	"	"	1860	64	"	"	1887
205	"	"	1865	38	"	"	1888
197	"	"	1866	52	"	"	1889
12	"	Originals	1853	57	"	"	1890
4	"	"	1858	16	"	"	1891
3	"	"	1859	201	Copies	Reprints	1892
6	"	"	1860	6	Copies	Originals	1892
3	"	"	1861	3	"	"	1893
9	"	"	1862	20	Copies	Constitution	
3	"	"	1863			By-Laws	1893
1	"	"	1865	78	Copies	Originals	1894
1	"	"	1869	92	"	"	1895
86	"	"	1870	86	"	"	1896
59	"	"	1871	49	"	"	1897
268	"	"	1872	24	"	"	1898
109	"	"	1873	119	"	"	1899
123	"	"	1874	63	"	"	1900
123	"	"	1875	62	"	"	1901
1	"	"	1876	148	"	"	1902
28	"	"	1877	119	"	"	1903
37	"	"	1878	19	"	"	1904
64	"	"	1879	47	"	"	1905
54	"	"	1880	139	"	"	1906
89	"	"	1881	70	"	"	1907
86	"	"	1882	96	"	"	1908
110	"	"	1883	111	"	"	1909

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INVENTORY OF GRAND CHAPTER PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF JAMES F. McGREGOR, GRAND SENTINEL.

April 26th, 1910.

1 Set Grand Officers Aprons.
1 Set Grand Officers Jewels.
About 300 Linen Aprons.
Wooden Chest to hold same.

JAMES F. McGREGOR,
Grand Sentinel.

Coldwater, Mich., April 26, 1910.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of the property of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, of Michigan, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

The property is insured in the Home Insurance Company, of New York, for the sum of $1,500.00. Policy expires September 14, 1910. Premium, $19.50.

(Signed.)
CHAS. A. CONOVER,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lecturer's Report.

Companion Horace S. Maynard, Grand Lecturer, read his annual report of schools of instruction held, and the same was ordered printed in the proceedings.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

Agreeable to the requirements of our regulations I submit my annual report as your Grand Lecturer.

I have met with fifty-six Chapters during the year. I have witnessed the conferring of the M. M. M. degree upon 17; the P. M. degree upon 1; the M. E. M. degree upon 1 and the R. A. M. degree upon 72. I would enjoy giving a detailed account of each meeting but space forbids. I submit below a table containing dates, places of meetings, work done, etc.

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Horace S. Maynard.

R. E. GRAND LECTURER

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Our Grand High Priest has given the honor and encouragement of his official presence at twenty of those meetings, besides visiting several Chapters on his own hook.

This Grand Chapter has been fortunate in being served the past year by an able Grand High Priest who had such intense interest in the prosperity of our noble Order that he has enthusiastically spent his time and money to forward the good cause, has been a pusher, and his inspiring efforts have aided in giving us a year of great prosperity.

I have appointed quite a number of schools in Chapters not mentioned in the table, which I have afterward canceled at the request of the Chapters because of local conditions which seemed to prevent a profitable meeting at the time set. I always regret to cut out a school from a route proposed as it seems difficult to go back and pick up that place at a later date.

I have discontinued the plan of calling a Chapter to a school of instruction away from its home, unless I am informed that two Chapters desire to meet together. The system of calling several bodies to a school of instruction works well among the lodges as the lodges are usually located near each other, while Chapters are usually more widely separated, and when a Chapter is called to a school of instruction away from home, only a part of its officers, and few of its membership attend and the Chapter does not get a benefit proportionate to the expenses of its officers who are loyal enough to obey the call.

A school of instruction held in the home of a Chapter not only helps perfect the officers in their work, but it serves to instruct, inform and encourage the entire membership as well. I have frequently received letters from the H. P. soon after a visit to his Chapter, informing me that the school of instruction had caused a revival of interest in the Chapter and new petitions were coming in in consequence, one Chapter having received 16, another 31, and many a less number.

My visits during the year have been very enjoyable. You all know that as soon as I get into your cities, as soon as I can get hold of any of your officers, I begin to study the ritual and work with you, examining your paraphernalia, etc., and keep it up until I leave town. Many a H. P. and his officers have accompanied me to the depot to consult over the matters pertaining to Chapter work and we have kept at it until you have pushed me onto the train. I have sometimes feared that you would consider it a bore to have me strike your town, but I am

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glad to report that the officers of our Royal Craft, with few exceptions, seem very enthusiastic in the study of our complicated work and ritual and are eager to obtain any hint that will perfect their skill.

I am often importuned upon questions relating to the jurisdictions between Chapters. I ask indulgence to give a few remarks which may be considered outside of my peculiar official duties. It seems that under the regulations of the Blue Lodge the jurisdiction between any two lodges is fixed at a point half way between their respective lodge rooms. Neither lodge has power to waive jurisdiction to any of this territory or to any timber thereon. The Grand Lodge cannot legally grant a dispensation to waive jurisdiction. It is fixed and unalterable.

The Grand Chapter constitution proceeds upon the theory that when a man has become a Master Mason he is our brother and we may have a latitude at our own discretion as to where he may receive his Chapter degrees, and we may generously and in a royal way accede to the wishes of our brother and of our sister Chapter.

I quote from the constitution, Sec. 81, Red Book:

(81) Sec. 6. "All applications for the Chapter degrees must be made by petition to the Chapter nearest the place where the candidate resides; Provided, That any other Chapter may receive and act upon a petition, by and with the written consent, showing waiver of jurisdiction by unanimous vote, and certified to under the seal of the nearest Chapter; Provided further, That when any two or more Chapters are located in the city or town, they shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction; and, Provided further, That any two or more Chapters whose territories are contiguous, may, by mutual consent, exercise concurrent jurisdiction."

Thus any Master Mason who has the inestimable and God given privilege of being a resident of the beautiful City of Charlotte, the exact center of the wonderful universe of the Great Jehovah, being desirous of obtaining the Chapter degrees, may use very poor judgment and ignore our splendid Chapter there and apply to any other less important Chapter in this state, even to a Detroit Chapter, and upon the consent of the Charlotte Chapter, the Detroit Chapter would have the constitutional right to receive the petition and act upon it as though the brother resided in Detroit. As to that brother the jurisdictional line between Charlotte and Detroit would be blotted out by action of the Chapters themselves without the interposition of the Grand Chapter.

Contiguous Chapters acting from motives of fraternal inter-

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ests and forbearance may abolish jurisdictional lines between themselves and their jurisdiction over all the territory occupied by them becomes concurrent by their own voluntary, mutual action, without any let, hindrance or action by the Grand Chapter.

Thus the question of jurisdiction is in the first instance, by our constitution left entirely to the individual Chapters, if they can agree between themselves. But in absence of agreement between the Chapters to vary the rule, as the law now stands, the jurisdictional line is midway between the Chapter rooms of any two Chapters.

When a jurisdictional question is left to the Grand Chapter it must proceed under the first clause of the statute, and discipline must be awarded by that rule.

As to the ethics of the matter it would not seem to me to be consistent with the high charactr of Royal Arch Masonry for one Chapter to knowingly receive and act upon a petition for the degrees, from a brother residing in the jurisdiction of a sister Chapter, without first obtaining the consent and waiver provided in the statute.

But it would also be wholly narrow, mercenary and inconsistent with the high character of Royal Arch Masonry for any Chapter to refuse to grant such consent and waiver upon the request of a brother Mason that he be permitted to take the degrees in some other Chapter, and the request of a sister Chapter that it be permitted to confer the degrees.

We should feel in honor bound to hasten to give such consent and waiver for the general good of the Order.

If Chapters were found apt to refuse such consent I would be in favor of abolishing all jurisdictional line whatever and let any Master Mason apply to any Chapter in the state for degrees.

Very few applications will ever be made outside the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the candidate resides any way. Sometimes a brother may have business interests which prevent his ever attending his own Chapter when he could attend to receive the degrees and otherwise some other Chapter. Sometimes a brother removes from his lodge home and feels as if he would like to return and get the degrees among his old friends. We ought always to permit these natural desires to be gratified.

Remember that as soon as a Companion has received the Chapter degrees he has the constitutional right to forthwith affiliate with any other Chapter in this state which will receive

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him, and his home Chapter can not hinder him from so doing.

Royal Arch law is made up on the liberal plan of allowing the individual the greatest liberty possible.

I apologize for intruding my views before you, but I have been consulted so much about this sometimes perplexing question that I felt impelled to thus publicly give my views to this body of officers.

I think the question is rarely perplexing unless some one is too selfishly intent on obtaining all that may be coming to him.

Proceeding in an unselfish fraternal spirit no Chapter will knowingly take that which is not its own, and no Chapter will refuse to consent and waive jurisdiction whenever asked.

For the great matter is that the brands be saved from the burning and good brothers be added to our noble Order, and it is of little moment what particular Chapter does the job.

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Date.		Place of Meeting	Chapters Working	Number Present	Degrees Conferred	Number Candidates
July	3	Boyne City	Boyne City	15		
	12	St. Ignace	St. Ignace	32	R. A. M.	3
	13	Sault Ste. Marie	Sault Ste. Marie	60	R. A. M.	3
	14	Marquette	Marquette	62	R. A. M.	3
	15	Ishpeming	Ishpeming	62		
	15	Ishpeming	Negaunee	48	M. M. M.	1
	16	Calumet	Calumet	125	R. A. M.	3
	19	Hancock	Gate of Temple	107	M. M. M.	1
	21	Crystal Falls	Crystal Falls	21		
	22	Iron Mountain	Iron Mountain		(Called off)	—
	24	Escanaba	Delta		(Called off)	—
Sept.	9	Monroe	River Raisin	19		
	10	Wyandotte	Wyandotte		(no meeting)	—
	11	Detroit	King Cyrus	350	R. A. M.	6
	14	Birmingham	Birmingham	37	M. M. M.	1
	15	Pontiac	Oakland	19	M. M. M.	1
	16	Holly	Holly	23	M. M. M.	1
	17	Milford	Milford			
	20	Milan	York		(no meeting)	—
	21	Dundee	Mt. Vernon	17	M. M. M.	1
Oct.	18	Holland	Holland	2[illegible]	M. M. M.	1
	19	Allegan	Eureka	40	R. A. M.	3
	20	Bangor	Bangor	23	M. E. M.	1
Nov.	2	Three Rivers	Salathiel	40	R. A. M.	3
	3	Constantine	Constantine	29		
	4	Centreville	Centreville	45	R. A. M.	3
	8	Paw Paw	Paw Paw	47	M. M. M.	1
	9	Lawrence	Lawrence			
	10	St. Joseph	Calvin Britain	68	M. M. M.	1
	11	Rockford	Lovell Moore	22	M. M. M.	1
	12	Sparta	Kent	27	R. A. M.	3
	15	Lowell	Hooker	32	M. M. M.	1
	17	Stanton	Stanton			
	18	Greenville	Greenville			
	19	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant	51	R. A. M.	—
	21	Mt. Clemens	Mt. Clemens	71	R. A. M.	3
	26	Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids	97	R. A. M.	3
	30	Lexington	Damascus	20	M. M. M.	1
Dec.	1	Sandusky	Sanilac	45	R. A. M.	3
	2	Harbor Beach	Stafford	40	R. A. M.	3
	3	Bad Axe	Lebanon	27	R. A. M.	3
	7	Lapeer	Lapeer	21	P. M.	1
	8	North Branch	North Branch	46	R. A. M.	3
	16	Charlevoix	Charlevoix	36	R. A. M.	3
	17	Traverse City	Traverse City	36		
Feb.	19	Vicksburg	Vicksburg	2[illegible]		
Mar.	9	Olivet	Bellevue	30	M. M. M.	4
	10	Bay City	(Bay City		(opened meeting)	—
			(Blanchard	60	R. A. M.	3
	24	Wyandotte	Wyandotte	47	R. A. M.	3
	29	Marshall	Lafayette	52	R. A. M.	3
Apr.	11	Coldwater	Temple	63	M. M. M.	1
	17	Bellevue	Bellevue	35	R. A. M.	3
	25	Lansing	Capital	41	R. A. M.	3
May	5	Albion	Albion	51	R. A. M.	3
	12	Adrian	Adrian	60	R. A. M.	3
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Fraternally submitted,

Horace S. Maynard.

Grand Lecturer.

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Constitutional Amendment.

The Grand Secretary read the following amendment to the constitution filed by King Cyrus Chapter No. 133, of Detroit, which motion was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

King Cyrus Chapter No. 133, R. A. M., hereby proposes the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter:

To amend Section 1 of Article 10 by striking out all after the word "within", and inserting in their stead the words "the State of Michigan," so that the section will read as follows:

(76) Section 1. A candidate for the chapter degrees must have resided six months within the State of Michigan.

To amend Section 6 of Article 10 by substituting therefor the following:

(81) Section 6. Any Master Mason residing within the State of Michigan and in possession of the other qualifications required by the constitution and laws of this Grand Chapter may make application for the chapter degrees to any one of the constituent chapters of this Grand Chapter. Territorial jurisdiction is abolished.

I hereby certify that at a regular communication of King Cyrus Chapter, held April 26, 1910, it was ordered by vote of the chapter that the above amendments to the constitution of the Grand Chapter be proposed and recommended by King Cyrus Chapter at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter, May 17, 1910.

[SEAL] A. G. PITTS,
Secretary.

Report on Division and Reference.

Companion Clare E. Wise, Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference, read the following report of that committee, which was adopted:

To the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest for division and reference beg to report that they heartily congratulate him upon the excellent

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address which he has delivered to us in such clear, concise and forceful language, being the record of an unusually harmonious and business administration.

It appears that all details have been attended to with good judgment and dispatch and he leaves the craft of Michigan in a highly prosperous condition.

We have carefully examined the address of the Grand High Priest and recommend:

That so much as refers to Obituaries be referred to the Committee on Obituaries.

That so much as refers to Special Dispensations, Decisions, Secretaries, Lost Rituals and Recommendations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to New Chapters and Instituting New Chapters be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to Official Bonds, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to the General Grand Chapter be referred to a Special Committee of three to consider and report at the next annual convocation a suitable resolution to be presented at the next triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter, having reference to compensation of representatives.

That so much as relates to By-Laws, Constitution of New Chapters, Removals and Official Visits be approved.

That so much as relates to Masonic Home be referred back to this Grand Chapter without recommendation for such action as it sees fit.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARE E. WISE,
WILLIAM H. VAN IDERSTINE,
EDGAR H. HOTCHKISS,
Committee.

Invitation for Next Convocation.

The Grand Secretary stated that it was received as a landmark that there should be no innovations in Masonry, but that one had just been handed to him in the shape of a beautifully copper-engraved invitation for the next annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. It read as follows:

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Marquette Chapter No. 43 R. A. M.

requests the honor of

Entertaining the Grand Chapter

During its Sixty-third Convocation

at Marquette, Michigan

Nineteen hundred and eleven

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest
of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
of Michigan

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Committee on Next Place of Meeting.

The invitation of Marquette Chapter No. 43, was referred to the Committee on Next Place of Meeting and the Grand High Pirest appointed as such committee

Companions THOMAS H. WILLIAMS,
FREDERICK J. WERBACK,
JOHN L. BRADFORD.

Regrets of General Grand Officers.

The Grand Secretary stated that the General Grand High Priest in reply to an invitation to attend our Annual Convocation had signified his intention to be present if possible. He then read the following letter of regret from him:

Albert Lea, Minn., May 11, 1910.

C. A. Conover, Esq., Grand Secretary, Coldwater, Michigan:

My Dear Sir and Companion:—I find it will be impossible for me to visit your Grand Chapter on Tuesday next. I am holding a term of court here, and cannot possibly get through with my work so as to make you the contemplated visit.

I regret this very much, as I have anticipated making the visit for some time, and hoped that I would be able to do so. It would give me sincere pleasure to meet you again, and also to meet the officers and members of your Grand Chapter, who will be present on that occasion. Sometime during my term of office I will endeavor to visit your Grand Chapter, and I will certainly do so or send some one to represent me. In the meantime I assure you of my personal esteem, and hope that the coming Convocation of your Grand Chapter will be pleasant and profitable to the craft and tend to the up-building of Free Masonry.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
NATHAN KINGSLEY,
G. G. H. P.

Letters of regret were also received from Companion Bernard G. Witt, Henderson, Ky., Deputy General Grand High Priest, and Frederick W. Craig, Des Mines, Iowa General Grand Captain of the Host.

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Finance Committee Report.

Companion Herbert K. Jennings, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following report from that committee which was adopted:

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

In accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws, the Finance Committee beg leave to report that on the 15th day of April, 1910, a majority of the committee visited the office of the Grand Secretary in Coldwater, Mich., and made an inventory of the property belonging to the Grand Chapter.

One copy of the inventory was filed with the Grand Secretary and one copy with the chairman of the Finance Committee.

We recommend that $1,500.00 additional fire insurance be placed on the said property in the Grand Secretary's office.

The committee wish particularly to commend the system and care employed by the Grand Secretary in keeping and preserving the books, records and property of the Grand Chapter.

H. K. JENNINGS,
CHAS. J. GRAY,
E. J. SHEPHERD.
Committee.

Companion Jennings made a further report from the Committee on Finance which was adopted as follows:

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report as follows:

The financial reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary have been thoroughly examined, together with all other matters pertaining to the duties of those officers as custodians of the funds of this Grand Chapter, and we are pleased to report that the books and accounts of those Grand Officers agree and are in perfect balance.

Warrant No. 1678 for $6.36 is outstanding.

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The books of the Grand Treasurer show a balance of	$12,596.09
As an evidence of this sum he has deposited with the Finance Committee a certified check for	9,795.20
Cash in City National Bank, Lansing, expenses of this session	2,800.80
	$12,596.09
Pay roll of this session	$ 2,395.78
Balance on hand at close of 1910 session	$10,200.31

H. K. JENNINGS,
CHAS. J. GRAY,
E. J. SHEPHERD.

Report, Jurisprudence Committee.

Companion Lou B. Winsor, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, read a report of that committee which related to the decisions of the Grand High Priest. After much discussion of the matter by a number of companions, on motion of Companion William F. Denfeld the matter was laid on the table until tomorrow morning.

Companion Winsor read the further following reports of his committee, each of which was adopted by more than two-thirds of the members present:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the matter of the "Special Dispensations" granted by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest during his term of office, would respectfully report that they have reviewed the same and find that he has exercised his high prerogative relative to granting special dispensations, wisely and well and all in accordance with the constitution, laws and edicts of this Grand Chapter. We therefore recommend that all of his acts in granting special dispensations as reported to this Grand Chapter be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOU B. WINSOR,
EUGENE P. ROBERTSON,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS.
Committee on Jurisprudence.

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To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Grand High Priest to amend Section 2 of Article IV, Constitution of Grand Chapter, by striking out the word "nine" in the second line thereof and inserting the word "twenty," would respectfully report that they are in hearty accord with the recommendation and submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That Section 2, of Article IV of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter be amended by striking out the word "nine" in the second line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twenty."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOU B. WINSOR,
EUGENE P. ROBERTSON,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS.
Committee on Jurisprudence.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

That there be no misunderstanding hereafter in regard to the standing of those elected to life membership and that those so elected to receive this high honor are elected for the term of their natural lives regardless of whether they change their membership in constituent Chapters or not, your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully recommend that Section 25 of Article VIII be amended by adding thereto as follows:

"It is further provided that in case a companion who has been elected to life membership desires to transfer his membership from one chapter to another or to unite with others in petitioning for a new chapter and his request is granted by the chapter in which he holds membership, the Secretary of said chapter in making out the transfer certificate or the certificate of permission as the case may be, shall certify thereon that the Companion mentioned in said certificate is an emeritus member and he shall be so enrolled on the records of the chapter with which he affiliates."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOU B. WINSOR,
EUGENE P. ROBERTSON,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS.
Committee on Jurisprudence.

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Letter of Thanks

The Grand Secretary read the following letter of thanks from the son of our late Companion Benjamin Porter.

Toledo, Ohio, April 18, 1910.

Grand Chapter of Michigan:

Gentlemen:—I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the courtesy and consideration shown during the illness and death of my mother and father; also, for the great kindness shown my dear father before his death. You were certainly the means of lightening his burden, and making the last few years of his life happy, indeed. He never missed an opportunity to speak of the consideration shown him by you, and I am sure you were in a great measure responsible for keeping him with us to the ripe old age that he reached.

If there is any such thing as beauty at such a time of sorrow, I want to state in all candor, I never witnessed such a beautiful ceremony in my life as I witnessed at the Masonic Temple and at the final resting place of my dear parents—all brought about at the hands of the Grand Bodies of Michigan.

Would that I had sufficient command of the English language to express all I feel, but I know that you can read between the lines of my humble expression of gratitude all that I feel. My only regret is that my mother and father could not have been there to see the kind expression of sympathy, of loyalty and brotherly love that followed them both to their final resting place, closing the final chapter in the life of my father, in whose veins flowed the effervescence, and whose life was filled with the grandness of Masonry. Gentlemen, I once more thank you for all. All.

You know, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

BENJAMIN PORTER, Jr.

Report on Porter Relief

The following report of Companion Thomas H. Williams, custodian of the Porter relief fund, was then read by the Grand Secretary.

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March 20th, 1910.

My Dear Charlie:—When you sent the check to me for the Porter fund in May last it was for $144.92 and as you know the Grand Commandery also voted $100.00 to the Porter fund, and in handing same to Companion Porter I gave it in installments along as he was in need of it, commencing with the Grand Chapter fund, then from the Commandery fund, and so on. The last money handed him was in February, and completed the $100.00 from the Grand Chapter fund, leaving $14.92 yet in my hands, which I intended to return to the Grand Chapter as it was evident to me that the $200.00 from both bodies would provide them with such as would be needed. When Companion Porter died there was also in my hands $25 of the Grand Commandery money, which, had he lived, would have been handed him in April, and would have carried them along for some little time. Two nurses were sent to care for them in their sickness, and I intended to pay them both, which would have broken into the $44.92 of the Chapter money as I explained to you, and also to the Grand High Priest, but Mr. Benjamin Porter, Jr. (Companion Porter's son,) told me that there was $14.00 in his mother's purse, and he wanted it to be paid out for them. He paid one of the nurses, using the $14.00 for that purpose, and making up the balance himself to pay one in full; the other I paid from the Grand Commandery money. It was $20.00. I also had some long distance telephoning amounting to 55 cents, leaving in my hands $4.45 of their fund, which will go forward to them. As stated above, $100.00 of the Grand Chapter money had been handed to Companion Porter and for which I hold his receipts, and now hand same to you; I also paid a long distance telephone bill to yourself and to the Grand High Priest, which was 75 cents, which deducted from the amount on hand $44.92, leaves $44.17 yet in my hands which I will enclose Detroit exchange to cover the amount as given. I enclose the receipts from Companion Porter and the telephone bill mentioned.

What a nice thing to have done, and how little we can realize the comfort and good that both Companion and Mrs. Porter got from the money given them by the Grand Bodies, so little to us, yet so much for them, and every time it was taken to them they both were so thankful for it, and more than once Companion Porter told me with tears in his eyes, that in his younger days he had never dreamed that it would come to him to want, and his wife many times said to me, "How thankful we are, and how much good it does for us," and said

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she did not know what they would do if it were not for the Masons, who were so good to them. I tell you, Charlie, it makes one feel that a kindness done, sometimes helps to cheer others along the rugged pathway of life, and in their case, the last days here on earth were made pleasant for them.

Mr. Benjamin Porter, Jr., wishes me to convey to the friends of his father his kindest thanks, for what they have done for him, and he was much pleased that so many came to the funeral, and said that it was his firm belief that the wishes of his father had been fully carried out. The son could not find words to express his gratitude to the Masons, and his father's friends.

With kindest wishes I am ever Your Friend,

THOS. H. WILLIAMS.

Companion Williams addressed the Grand Chapter, giving a description of Companion Porter's early life and his later difficulties, stating that there was yet a balance on the funeral expenses to be met.

On motion of Companion John H. Chase, the Grand Secretary was directed to draw a warrant for the $44.17, and enough more to pay the balance of funeral expenses unpaid, which motion was carried unanimously.

Reports, Finance Committee.

Companion Charles J. Gray, of the Finance Committee, made the following reports:

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

The Finance Committee recommended that the Grand Secretary be empowered to purchase such book cases and filing devices as are needed for the proper care of the Grand Chapter property.

H. K. JENNINGS,
CHAS. J. GRAY,
E. J. SHEPHERD.
Committee.

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To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

The Finance Committee recommend that a warrant be drawn in favor of Most Excellent Grand High Priest for $200 at the beginning of the year. He to hold same as a contingent fund, and to return an account of the same to the Finance Committee at the next session of the Grand Chapter.

H. K. JENNINGS,
CHAS. J. GRAY,
E. J. SHEPHERD.
Committee.

This report was adopted.

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

Your Finance Committee having carefully reviewed the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, regarding the salaries of the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, and realizing the truth of his statements, do hereby recommend that the salary of the Grand Lecturer be increased to $1,000.00 per year, and that the Grand Secretary's salary be also increased to $1,000.00 per year.

H. K. JENNINGS,
CHAS. J. GRAY,
E. J. SHEPHERD.
Committee.

Companion Thomas H. Williams moved an amendment to the report, making the salary of Grand Secretary twelve hundred dollars instead of one thousand dollars. The amendment was carried, after which the report of the committee as amended was adopted.

Special Order.

Companion Frank N. Clark moved that the hour of 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning be made the special order for the election of officers. The motion was amended, making the hour ten o'clock, which was adopted.

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Photograph.

Notice was given that the members of Grand Chapter were requested to assemble promptly at 8:45 A. M. to-morrow for a group photograph.

Called to Refreshment.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Masonic Temple, Lansing,
Wednesday, May 18, 1910,
9:25 o'clock P. M.

To Labor.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor at 9:25 o'clock A. M., Wednesday. Prayer was offered by Grand Chaplain. Grand Officers and Representatives present as at yesterday's session.

Obituary Committee.

Companion Arthur W. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries, read the following report of that committee, which was adopted:

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To the Grand Chapter:

Since our last convocation we have been called upon to pay the last sad offices of respect to one of our oldest and most distinguished craftsmen; one whose early Masonic work aided in laying the foundation for the present splendid organizations of the different Grand bodies of the several branches of Masonry in this state.

Companion Benjamin Porter, died at his home in Jackson, on Sunday, March 13, 1910, in his eighty-fifth year and a few hours later the spirit of his loving wife left its earthly dwelling. Together in life they were not to be separated in death. It would seem that it was of them the poet wrote,

"And we should be so happy that when either's lips were dumb,
They would not smile in heaven, 'till the other's kiss had come."

Benjamin Porter was born in Batavia, N. Y., April 19, 1825, and moved to Detroit with his parents in 1833. Since 1838 his home has been in Jackson. Companion Porter became associated with Masonry during what may be termed the formative period of the Order in Michigan. He became a member of old St. Johns Lodge just after attaining his majority; was initiated May 7, and raised June 5th, 1846. A few months later this lodge passed out of existence and he affiliated with Jackson Lodge, passing through the chairs and serving as Worshipful Master. He was a member of the first team exalted in Jackson Chapter No. 3, and likewise received the Orders of Knighthood in Eureka Commandery, Hillsdale, at its first meeting when instituted. He was most active in securing a Commandery at Jackson and was its first Eminent Commander. Companion Porter filled the office of Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter for a period of six years from 1853 to 1859; was elected Grand High Priest in 1862 and served for three years or until 1864 when he was elected Grand Commander. To him we are largely indebted for his energetic work in teaching the ritualistic work of our Order. "Thou art at rest from thy labors, may it be in holy peace."

Our sister Grand Jurisdictions report 26 deaths.

ALABAMA.

Robert William Southland, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, died at Mobile, Ala., Oct. 11, 1909, at the age of forty-one years. Though still a young man he had achieved many Masonic honors in the different bodies, having been advanced to the thirty-third degree in which he

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held the office of Sovereign Grand Inspector General. He was a beautiful character, a man of whom it may truly be said,

> "His life was gentle and the elements so
> mixed in him that nature might stand up
> and say to all the world, This was a man."

ARIZONA.

From far-off Arizona comes the sorrowful news of the death of Companion Francis Marion Zuck at the age of seventy-one years. He died at Holbrook, Arizona, June 16, 1909, after having lived a life full of stirring events. Born in Pennsylvania he travelled westward and entered Arizona on the first scheduled passenger train. He served through the Civil war, experiencing many hardships. During his residence in Holbrook since 1882, he was active in politics and filled many positions of trust. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arizona during the year 1889 and as Grand High Priest in 1907.

ARKANSAS.

James W. Null, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, departed this life August 3rd, 1909. Companion Null held similar positions in the other Grand Bodies, being Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, Commandery, Council and O. E. S. He was forty-four years of age and had been in ill health for some time. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him.

Again, on March 18, 1910, the grim reaper passed this way and removed Companion W. K. Ramsey, who came to Arkansas in 1865, after having served during the Civil war as a private in the Confederate army. As a Mason he was especially honored, not only wielding the gavel in the different subordinate bodies, but was also elected as Grand High Priest in 1887, Grand Master in 1890 and Grand Commander the same year. He was a man of recognized ability, whose exemplary life commanded the esteem and admiration of all who knew him.

CALIFORNIA.

California mourns the death of one who was a citizen and a Mason in every sense. Companion Jacob Hart Neff who passed away at San Francisco, April 29, 1909, at the age of seventy-nine years, had a place in the hearts of not only his Masonic

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brethren, but the citizens of the entire state that but few men may hope to attain. He was affectionately known as "Honest Uncle Jake Neff." Politically he was very active and was elected Lieutenant-Governor in 1898. His early life was marked by many hardships but his sterling character carried him safely through them all. Companion Neff never married and lived simply and without extravagance. He made several fortunes, but his charity was widespread and he died in moderate circumstances. In Masonic affairs he took a deep interest, having filled in addition to the office of Grand High Priest in 1872, the offices of Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1900 and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1892. His character was of that genial good nature which reckons a man not for what he has but what he is.

On August 1, 1909, the Grand Chapter of California was again called upon to mourn the loss of an honored and respected member in the person of Adolphus Hewel, Past Grand High Priest, in his seventy-fourth year. Companion Hewel was born in Hanover, Germany and died in Fresno, California. He practiced law and from 1880 to 1885 was Superior Judge of Stanilaus county. His qualities of sterling citizenship and faithfulness to trusts reposed in him endeared him to all who knew him. As a Masonic worker he was not excelled and his domestic relations were ideal. During the year 1895 he filled the office of Grand High Priest and was active in the other Masonic bodies of which he was a member.

CONNECTICUT.

In the death of Companion James L. Gould, the Grand Chapter of Connecticut has lost one of its most devoted members. He was born in 1830 at Easton, Conn., and graduated from Yale in 1851. Taking up the practice of law he was elected Judge of Probate, which position he filled for four years. He was a member of all the Masonic bodies and served them all in the capacity of presiding officer. He was a thorough student of Masonry and his work, "Guide to the Chapter," is recognized as a standard. He served as Grand High Priest during the years 1867 and 1868.

FLORIDA.

At Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 13, 1909, there died Companion John Hugh Stephens, Past Grand High Priest. Born in Bennetsville, S. C., Sept. 19, 1842, he served during the

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Civil war as a Confederate soldier. After the war closed he filled many responsible positions which together with his career as a Mason, indicate the esteem, regard and confidence in which he was held by those who were associated with him in the different walks of life.

GEORGIA.

Past High Priest Alexandrian Morrill Lambdin of the Grand Chapter of Georgia was called to his reward July 6, 1909, being in his sixty-sixth year. Born in Baltimore, Md., of good old Colonial stock, he early settled in Georgia and from his induction into the Order evinced a great love for Masonry. He served with distinction in the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge and merited the honors conferred upon him. The last months of his life were spent with his children in Texas where he died, but his remains were brought to his old home in Barnsville, Ga., where they were laid to rest.

ILLINOIS.

At his home in the city of Chicago, Sept. 25, 1909, Past Grand High Priest, John O'Neil entered into rest at the advanced age of seventy-four years. Companion O'Neil, who was born in Newark, N. J., after receiving a good education, drifted to Kansas, where he joined the famous scout, Kit Carson, in his operations in New Mexico. He also served with the United States forces against the Mormons in Utah. During the Civil war he was with the Army of the Potomac. In politics he played his part and was well known in Chicago, where he settled after the war. A most picturesque figure, he attained high honors in all Masonic bodies, serving as Grand High Priest during the year 1885.

Companion William Berry Grimes passed away at his home in Pittsfield, April 10, 1910. "Father Grimes," as he was affectionately called, was born in White County, Illinois, November 25, 1828, and was brought to Pike county at the age of eight years. He was recognized as a useful, honored citizen. For several years he filled the position of County Judge. He was a most faithful Mason and was elected in 1898 to the high office of Grand High Priest.

IOWA.

During the month of November, 1909, at his home in Grand View, Tenn., where for fifteen years he had lived, Past Grand

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High Priest C. Stewart Ells, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, passed away. Companion Ells for several years resided in Davenport, Iowa, where he began his Masonic career. He was for years actively connected with the Grand Chapter and served as Grand High Priest during the year 1862. The last years of his life were spent in retirement, the end coming when he had reached the ripe old age of seventy-seven years.

MARYLAND.

After a brief illness, Companion William Nash Young, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, was suddenly, on May 2nd, 1909, summoned from this sublunary abode. Companion Young was born in Baton Rouge, La., in 1839 and was early compelled to give up the practice of law on account of ill health. He served in the U. S. Navy for a time during the Civil war. He was known as a good citizen and an earnest Masonic Worker.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand High Priest Balis Sanford, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, laid down the working tools of life while still in the harness, so to speak. Born at East Bridgewater, in 1833, he became associated with all the Masonic bodies at Brockton, Mass., ending his earthly journey at Boston, November 16, 1909. Many were the honors he attained in the different bodies from the Blue Lodge to the thirty-third degree, Scottish Rite. They were all well earned and his impress has been left on Masonry in general. His life is an inspiration to higher, manlier living, to all his companions.

MINNESOTA.

At St. Paul, Minn., on March 11, 1910, occurred the death of Past Grand High Priest Blinn Converse, who was born in Riceville, Vt., Sept. 27, 1836. He served in the Union Army and Navy during the Civil War and afterwards moved to Minnesota to engage in railroading until 1885, when he was appointed Chief Engineer of the U. S. Army building at St. Paul. He was quiet and unassuming and respected by all those he came in contact with.

MISSISSIPPI.

Two of the best beloved companions of the Grand Chapter

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of Mississippi have answered the final summons during the past year.

Companion John Alexander Bares Jones, born Dec. 9, 1830, departed this life January 13, 1910. From 1852 to 1904 he served as an itinerant preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His Masonic ability was recognized by his being advanced to the office of Grand High Priest and also Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery.

Companion Chas. T. Chamberlin was born July 15, 1847, and lived the greater part of his life in Natchez, where he died October 20, 1909. In business circles he was known as a successful merchant. As a Mason he achieved high honors in the different bodies and filled the office of Grand High Priest in 1887. Quiet and unassuming he was loved by all and sincerely mourned.

MISSOURI.

The second in point of service among the Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, passed away July 27, 1909, in the person of Companion Rufus E. Anderson. Born in Palmyra, January 22, 1833, he lived there all his life, engaging in the practice of law. In Masonic circles he was very active, filling many important offices in the different bodies. He was devoted to the moral institution of Freemasonry, believing in its precepts and practices. A vein of humor was prominently characteristic and being of a strong common-sense character he endeared himself to those who knew him.

NEVADA.

In the death of Past Grand High Priest, Michael A. Murphy, Oct. 26, 1909, the Grand Chapter of Nevada has lost one of its strongest pillars and brightest intellects. He was born in the state of New York, September 29, 1837, but early emigrated to California, settling in Nevada soon after. He studied law and after his admission to the bar successively filled the positions of District Attorney, Attorney General, Justice of the Supreme Court and District Judge. His Masonic record is no less brilliant, having been elected Grand Master in 1885 and Grand High Priest in 1899. By his life he honored his state, his profession and his fraternity. Such lives have not been lived in vain.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Companion Frank Dana Woodbury, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, died Nov. 19, 1909, at Concord. Born at Salem, April 15, 1842, he early evinced a desire for Masonic knowledge. At the time of his death, he was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, having been its Grand Master in 1890, and '91; Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter; Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., having been its Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1880; Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery. He also received the thirty-third degree, Scottish Rite. He was a lovable character and he was intensely devoted to his fraternity, having few equals as a ritualist.

NEW JERSEY.

Two Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey have entered into rest during the past year.

Companion Jacob Kirkner, born in Bridgeport, Conn., June 21, 1839, died at his home in Plainfield, N. J., December 14, 1909, where he had resided since 1863. In 1905, he served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery and as Grand High Priest in 1907.

Companion Frederic George Wiese died at his home in Bordentown, N. J., March 7, 1910, having been born in Philadelphia, February 9, 1840. He served as Grand High Priest in 1875 and as Grand Treasurer from 1881, until his death. Companion Wiese also served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1877, and as Grand Treasurer from 1880 until his death. His was an active business and Masonic life, earning the respect and confidence of those about him.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Companion Leonard Warren Gammons was born March 27, 1853, in Middleton, Wis., and departed this life December 17, 1909, at Minot, N. D., where he had lived since 1901. He was successful in his chosen profession, that of law and took an active part in civic affairs. In Masonic circles he was especially esteemed, as is evidenced by his election in 1892 to the office of Grand High Priest and at the time of his death he held the office of Eminent Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Commandery.

Again on February 25, 1910, were the companions of this state called upon to mourn one of the Most Illustrious and

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well-beloved of the Order. Companion Frank Jared Thompson on that day answered the summons of the Celestial Grand Master, after a life of useful activity, particularly in the cause of Masonry. Born August 23, 1855, at Rockford, Ill., he was educated in Marshall and Jackson, Mich., at which latter place he took up the study of law; soon after being admitted to practice he located at Fargo, N. D., where he continued to reside. In public life he was a prominent figure, serving as assistant attorney general and member of the legislature. As a Mason it is only necessary to mention the offices held at the time of his death to show the trust reposed in him: Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge; Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter; Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery. He was also Secretary of his lodge and Chapter and Recorder of his Commandery and Shrine. He ornamented and adorned the spheres in which he moved and left an example of loyalty and fidelity and that shall not pass away.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Companion James Dempster, Past Grand High Priest, died at his home in Halifax, May 8, 1909. He was born in St. John, N. B., Dec. 19, 1839, but moved to Halifax in 1865. For twenty-eight years he filled the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge and was always heart and soul in sympathy with the teachings and principles of Masonry in all its branches.

OHIO.

On August 16, 1909, death called Past Grand High Priest William Moore Cunningham at his home in Newark. He was born March 9, 1829, and took a most active part in Masonic affairs from the time he saw the light at the age of twenty-one. He filled the highest offices in the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Council. He was also appointed Grand Inspector General, thirty-third degree, in 1865. He was a thorough student and has left many valuable Masonic writings and text books. He was always kind and courteous and in his death Masonry has suffered a distinct loss.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Nestor of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania, Past Grand High Priest Alexander H. Morgan, was called from his earthly pilgrimage October 24, 1909, at his home in Philadel-

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phia. He was born November 6, 1812, and during a long and honorable life he earned a love from his companions that was ever strong and unceasing and a vacant space has been left in their hearts which cannot be filled.

"So fades a summer cloud away,
So sinks the gale, when storm is o'er;
So gently shuts the eve of day,
So dies the wave along the shore."

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

The death rate in our Subordinate Chapters has not decreased, three hundred and nine Companions having answered the final summons.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to those who have been bereaved by the death of these, our Companions, over whose lifeless forms the earth has closed but whose last resting places have already, by nature, been decorated with the memorials of love. Above every tomb her daily sunshine has smiled, her tears have wept; over the humblest she has bidden some grasses nestle, some vines creep and the butterfly, that ancient emblem of immortality, has waved its little wings above every sod. To nature's signs of tenderness we add our own, not "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust," but rather, "Blossoms to blossoms, laurels to the laureled."

ARTHUR W. KILPATRICK,
FRANK O. GILBERT,
A. S. PUTNAM.
Committee.

Masonic Home.

Companion Maro M. Read, President of the Board of Control of the Michigan Masonic Home, presented the reports of the Board, which were printed in pamphlet form. He also read a special report from the Grand Chapter members on the Board, as follows:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Michigan:

Your representatives on the Board of Control of the Masonic Home have a far different report to make than on

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any former occasion of this kind. As all good Masons of this state are probably aware, on February 16th our Masonic Home was practically burned to the ground, nothing being saved from that great conflagration save a few pieces of furniture from the first floor. Providentially and almost miraculously, it would seem, no lives were lost, which should be and is cause for rejoicing. Two days later the Board met in special session to devise ways and means for temporarily caring for the beneficiaries. Some were placed in hotels and hospitals and some were taken into private houses by charitably disposed citizens, a small number being returned to their respective lodges. Then Brother B. S. Hanchett, that prince of benevolent good fellows, offered, free of rent, the Lakeside Club House at Reed's Lake where, as soon as some changes could be made, the inmates were removed and are there at the present time, being cared for as best as possible, until the Fraternity shall provide for them a permanent abiding place.

During the past three months the Board has received many propositions from different places offering large buildings formerly occupied as sanitariums, schools, etc.

First, the Alma Sanitarium at Alma, Michigan, was offered at a net cost of $60,000. This place and building was visited by a special committee, also by several individual members and it was agreed that it possessed many advantages, being equipped throughout for occupancy. While not a strictly modern building, having been built about thirty years, yet it is constructed of brick and well and substantially made, the principal objection being that no real estate accompanies it, which would afford no out of doors lounging place for inmates in pleasant weather.

The Summerville Hotel, at St. Clair, Michigan, was also considered. This consists of ten acres of ground, fronting on the St. Clair river; building furnished complete and capable of caring for 200 or 250 people. This is a most beautiful location and property could be purchased for the extremely low price of not to exceed $15,000 and probably two or three thousand dollars less. Unfortunately this is a frame structure and from a geographical standpoint not well located, being on the extreme east side of the state.

A tract of 150 acres of beautifully undulating land at Northville was offered practically free of cost, but this, of course, would require erecting and furnishing new buildings throughout.

One or two other places, being summer resorts around

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Grand Traverse Bay were also offered and talked of. These different propositions were all carefully considered and at purchase price offered, at first seemed attractive, but upon careful investigation, it has been deemed best to recommend re-building on the old site. The surroundings there are most ideal, situated as it is on an eminence overlooking Reed's Lake, as well as a beautiful landscape of country in all directions. This site is owned by the Fraternity, free from debt and consists of thirty-three acres of land conservatively estimated at $700 per acre. A good frame barn insured for $900, cement and frame hog and hen house insured for $750, a wagon shed and brick boiler house containing two steam boilers for heating purposes, a large and productive orchard of apple and plum trees cover a goodly portion of the land, balance being under cultivation for garden truck purposes, etc.

In view of the facts as mentioned above your representatives would recommend that this Grand Body endorse the recommendation of the Board to re-build on the present site, provided, of course, that Grand Lodge adopt a similar resolution. The financial condition on April 22nd was as follows:

Funds available for re-building, in treasury:

Insurance money	$20,000
Proceeds of sale of Nebraska land	3,250
Also 4 per cent. bonds belonging to Hospital fund	6,500
O. E. S. Fund for hospital purposes of over	9,000
Total	$38,750

There is also in the Board's treasury $3,500 unexpended insurance money received for furniture destroyed which would be needed for re-furnishing. Also $10,752 maintenance fund. These items are set forth in detail in Treasurer's report in the printed proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Board which are here for distribution and your perusal. At the time of the fire there were at the Home 57 inmates (41 males, 16 females). Of these there are at the hospital, five, and absent on account of the fire, seven; returned to their respective lodges, leaving 45 now being cared for at the Lakeside Club House.

While our former home was a beautiful building from an architectural standpoint and very homelike in all its details, yet it was hardly suited for caring for the greatest number possible as an institutional building of this character should

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be, and the management has been continually handicapped by not being able to care for as many unfortunate Brothers as they would like to have done. It was practically filled to its capacity at the time of the fire, and Companions, if a new Home is built, we trust that it may be along lines and on such a plan that a Brother may not be obliged to wait until he becomes absolutely penniless before he can be admitted, and the question occurs to us also, why should we not be able to take in and care for the orphan children of Masons as well as adults? Other states do it and we can but feel that our grand Masonic fraternity should be second to none.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. M. READ,
J. E. RICE,
FRANK N. CLARK,
Representatives.

After reading the report, Companion Osgood, of the firm of Osgood & Osgood, architects, displayed tentative plans for rebuilding the Masonic Home on strictly fireproof lines, to cost not to exceed $125,000. After a discussion of the subject by Companions Farr, Clark, Brackett and others, Companion Atherton moved the adoption of the report, which was carried.

Election of Officers.

The hour having arrived for the special order of election of officers for the ensuing year, the Grand High Priest appointed as tellers

Companions NORMAN B. FOX,
JOHN L. BRADFORD,
EDGAR H. HOTCHKISS,
CARLTON V. HINMAN.

After a careful canvass of the votes cast, the following having received the majority of all votes cast, were declared elected to the several stations named:

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ARTHUR E. STEVENS, Detroit, Grand High Priest.
ELWIN F. BROWN, Iron Mountain, Deputy Grand High Priest.
JAMES H. THOMPSON, Lansing, Grand King.
JOHN H. KINGSLEY, Detroit, Grand Scribe.
EMERSON M. NEWELL, Fenton, Grand Treasurer.
CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.
HORACE S. MAYNARD, Charlotte, Grand Lecturer.
REV. JOHN CLAFLIN, Eaton Rapids, Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM W. WATTS, Ann Arbor, Grand Captain of Host.
ALBERT J. YOUNG, Escanaba, Grand Principal Sojourner.
ROBERT H. HUNT, Detroit, Grand Royal Arch Captain.
ELMER S. ATHERTON, Durand, Grand Master Third Veil.
WALTER H. BOOTH, Grand Rapids, Grand Master Second Veil.
GEORGE W. LEEDLE, Marshall, Grand Master First Veil.
JAMES F. McGREGOR, Detroit, Grand Sentinel.

Unfinished Business.

Companion Charles J. Lockwood, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported as follows for that committee, and the report was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report that they have diligently reviewed the proceedings of the session of the Grand Chapter for 1909 and find that its business was completed.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. J. LOCKWOOD,
CHARLES E. DAY,
WM. L. JONES.
Committee.

Report of Finance Committee.

Companion Herbert K. Jennings, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

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To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

The Finance Committee recommend that an order be drawn to the Grand Secretary for $100.00 to be used as a contingent fund from which to meet the petty current expenses of his office, the Grand Secretary to render an account of same to the Finance Committee at the close of the current year.

H. K. JENNINGS,
CHAS. J. GRAY,
E. J. SHEPHERD.
Committee.

Companion Jennings also reported for the Committee on Finance the following appropriations and estimates, which were adopted:

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

The Finance Committee recommend the following estimates for the ensuing year:

Grand High Priest	$ 175.00
Grand High Priest Jewel	140.00
Grand Secretary's Salary	1,200.00
Grand Secretary's office rent, heat, light, etc	125.00
Foreign Correspondence Report	100.00
Grand Lecturer's Salary	1,000.00
Grand Lecturer's expense	400.00
Grand Sentinel	50.00
Rent Masonic Temple, Lansing	50.00
Two Stewards at $5.00	10.00
Officers' Bonds and Insurance	80.00
General Grand Chapter Dues	198.97
Masonic Home per capita tax	1,734.80
Printing Proceedings	375.00
Miscellaneous printing, postage, etc	200.00
Reprint of Proceedings	100.00
Contingent Fund	400.00
Total	$6,338.77

H. K. JENNINGS,
CHAS. J. GRAY,
E. J. SHEPHERD.
Committee.

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Next Place of Meeting.

Companion Frederick J. Werback, of the Committee on Next Place of Meeting, reported as follows, and the report was adopted and endorsed unanimously:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

Your Committee on Next Place of Meeting have had the same under careful consideration and respectfully report, that we are in favor of accepting the kind and courteous invitation of the Companions from the City of Marquette in which all the Companions of the Upper Peninsula heartily join and ask this Grand Chapter to hold the Annual Convocation in 1911 in Marquette.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. WILLIAMS,
FRED J. WERBACK,
JOHN L. BRADFORD.
Committee.

On behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Marquette and the Upper Peninsula Companions, Charles D. Blanchard expressed their thanks and appreciation that the Grand Chapter had accepted their kind invitation.

Amendment to Penal Code.

Companion Alvah G. Pitts offered the following amendment to the Penal Code, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Section 16 of the Penal Code of this Grand Chapter, being continuous Section No. 123 of the Red Book Edition of 1908, be amended by inserting before the last sentence the following words: "Provided, that when the only offense charged is non-payment of dues, service of summons may always be had by mail in the manner above set forth, whatever may be the residence of the accused."

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Amendment to Constitution.

Companion Frank N. Clark presented the following amendment to Section 1, of Article X, of the Constitution, which was adopted:

Amend Section 1, of Article X, by adding thereto the following: "Provided, that he shall not forfeit his Masonic residence in the jurisdiction of one chapter until he has gained a residence in the jurisdiction of another chapter."

When so amended the entire section shall read as follows:

(76) Section 1. A candidate for the chapter degrees must have resided six months within the jurisdiction of the chapter where his petition is presented, except as hereinafter provided. Provided, that he shall not forfeit his Masonic residence in the jurisdiction of one chapter until he has gained a residence in the jurisdiction of another chapter.

Report on Appeals.

Companion Alexander J. McRae, of the Committee on Appeals, read the report of that committee, which was adopted as follows:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Masons of Michigan:

Your Committee on Appeals respectfully report that they have made strict seach through the archives of the Grand Secretary and inquiries of the several Grand Chapter officers as well as Companions and have found no appeals. All report peace and harmony among the 20,000 Royal Arch Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction and this committee wish to congratulate Grand High Priest Armstrong on the perfect peace and harmony prevailing among the Companions.

FRED J. WERBACK,
ALEXANDER J. McRAE,
JOHN L. BRADFORD.
Committee.

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Report, Jurisprudence Committee.

On motion of Companion Lou B. Winsor, the report of that committee, which was laid upon the table at yesterday's session, was taken from the table. The committee asked permission to withdraw the report, and on motion of Companion William W. Watts, the request was granted.

Companion Winsor then presented the following reports of that committee, each of which was adopted:

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the "Decisions" of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, would respectfully report that they have carefully reviewed the same and they highly commend him for the evident care and thoughtful consideration which he has given to every question submitted to him for decision.

His first decision, that a Companion who has been elected to life membership, uniting with others in a petition for a new Chapter must first return his life membership certificate for cancellation before he can be granted a certificate of permission to join in forming a new Chapter, and when the new Chapter is organized he becomes a regular member, subject to dues until made a life member of the new Chapter which cannot be done until the Chapter is chartered, differs from the views of your committee.

This is entirely new law occasioned by the amendment to the constitution of the Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation in 1909, providing for life membership. The law provides that any Companion elected to life membership shall be known and placed upon the rolls as an emeritus member and be exempt from annual dues. This is a distinct honor conferred upon a Companion by his Chapter by authority of the Grand Chapter and is reported in the annual returns to the Grand Secretary and a matter of record in his office and your committee do not believe that a Companion should be compelled to relinquish this honor when he transfers his membership from one Chapter to another or when he unites with others in a petition for a new Chapter. Your committee therefore recommend that this decision be not approved.

We recommend that all of the other decisions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be approved.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOU B. WINSOR,
EUGENE P. ROBERTSON,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS.
Committee on Jurisprudence.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's address entitled, "Secretaries," would respectfully report that they are in thorough sympathy with the ideas therein expressed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and heartily concur in his recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOU B. WINSOR,
EUGENE P. ROBERTSON,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS.
Committee on Jurisprudence.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's address entitled, "Lost Rituals," respectfully report that they are convinced that the most strenuous efforts should bemade to provide for the safe care and custody of the Grand Chapter rituals furnished to the Subordinate Chapters and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That all High Priests shall be required to take a receipt from each Companion to whom they may deliver a copy of the ritual and that each High Priest shall further be required to see to it that both copies of the said ritual entrusted to his care shall be in his possession at each Annual Convocation of his Chapter for the election of officers, to be delivered to his successor in office.

In case of lost rituals the Companion last receipting for same shall be subject to the penalty prescribed by Grand Chapter regulations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOU B. WINSOR,
EUGENE P. ROBERTSON,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS.
Committee on Jurisprudence.

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To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Chapter, proposed and recommended by King Cyrus Chapter, the purport of which is to abolish territorial jurisdiction, would respectfully report that they have given the same careful consideration and would recommend that the same be not adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOU B. WINSOR,
EUGENE P. ROBERTSON,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS.
Committee on Jurisprudence.

General Grand Chapter.

Companion Charles A. Conover, Chairman of the Special Committee on General Grand Chapter, presented the report of that committee, which was adopted.

To the Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Chapter:

Your special committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to investigate the exact nature of its connection with and obligations, if any, to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, would respectfully report that we have given the subject careful thought and investigation. Our first step was to address the following letter to the General Grand Secretary:

June 19, 1909.

Christopher C. Fox, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Companion:—I was instructed at the last Convocation of our Grand Chapter to secure all the information possible relative to the relations of the Grand Chapter of Michigan to the General Grand Chapter, and I write you for information:

1st. Will you kindly give me from your records the date and form of the formal application of the Grand Chapter of Michigan for affiliation with the General Grand Chapter, also the names of persons signing the application.

2nd. What would be the effect upon the membership in Michigan should this Grand Chapter decide to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter?

3rd. What Michigan members first attended the General

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Grand Chapter and was this Jurisdiction considered as a member before that time?

4th. What is the relation existing between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Texas?

5th. Is there any probability that the General Grand Chapter will entertain a proposition to use a portion of its revenue towards defraying expenses of Representatives from its constituent Grand Chapters?

Any further information which you can give the committee will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,
CHAS. A. CONOVER,
Grand Secretary.

To this letter Companion Fox replied as follows:

June 21st, 1909.

Chas. A. Conover, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Michigan,

Dear Sir and R.·. E.·. Companion:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the date of June 19th, instant, "relative to the relations of the Grand Chapter of Michigan to the General Grand Chapter." The information you desire will require the use of "pick and crow," which, owing to the fact that I am, and shall be, for the whole month, extremely busy, I must defer for the present.

I will take up the matter at the earliest possible moment I have to spare, and will do what I can to enlighten you on the subject of your letter.

In the meantime, regard me, as fraternally and dutifully your friend and brother,

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
General Grand Secretary.

In a postcript to a letter of Sept. 22, 1909, acknowledging receipt of the General Grand Chapter dues, he further said:

P. S.—I am in hopes to be able to take up the matter of your letter regarding General Grand Chapter matter in a few days. I have been so busy of late, handicapped with the infirmities of age, I have been unable to give the matter attention. F.

About a month later we received the following carefully prepared report:

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,
Of the United States of America.
Office of the Gen. Grand Secretary.
Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 25th, 1909.

Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary,
Grand Chapter of Michigan.

My Dear Sir and R. E. Companion:—This reply to your letter of the date of June 19, 1909, was deferred, as I sug-

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gested, in my acknowledgement to you of its receipt, that it must be so deferred for the reasons that my engagements were exceedingly pressing, and that I could not spare the time for such an examination of the records of the General Grand Chapter, as would enlighten your Committee in respect of the matters referred to in your letter.

Having finished the examination of the records, I herewith submit my answers to your inquiries.

The early records of the General Grand Chapter are somewhat meagre, and for that reason, I am unable to give an answer to your first question, because, so far as I have been able to discover, there appears no record of the facts suggested therein, but acting on the closing paragraph of your letter, viz: that "any further information you can give the Committee will be greatly appreciated," I append the following, relating to the early history of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Michigan, which I have copied from the records of the General Grand Chapter.

At the fifth regular meeting, (so characterized), of the General Grand Chapter, held at the City of New York, in September, 1819, it appears, by the report of a Committee, that a dispensation had been granted to "Monroe Chapter, at Detroit, Michigan, on the 3rd of December, 1818." The Committee recommended, and their recommendation was adopted, that Warrants be granted to that, and other Chapters named in the report, "if necessary to their confirmation whenever the constitutional returns, dues, etc., shall be made to the General Grand Secretary."

At the next meeting (the sixth), held at the same place, in September, 1826, seven years having elapsed since the next preceding meeting, the General Grand Secretary reported that he had received ninety dollars for the dispensation which had been granted by Companion DeWitt Clinton, General Grand High Priest, to Monroe Chapter, at Detroit. As there is no reference to the time when the Warrant was issued to Monroe Chapter, I can only conjecture that it was issued, and through its authority, the Chapter constituted, at some time between the years 1819 and 1826.

From 1826 to 1844, nothing appears in the proceedings relative to Monroe Chapter, probably due to the fact that the affair of one William Morgan, which proved so disastrous to all Masonic Bodies throughout the country, caused it to relapse into a state of temporary dormancy.

In 1844, however, at the "Triennial Session" of the General Grand Chapter, held at New Haven, in Connecticut, in September, the General Grand Secretary reported that he had received twenty-two dollars from "Monroe Chapter No. 1, Mich., for dues." He also reported that he had received ninety dollars for dispensation for "St. Joseph Valley Chapter No. 2, Mich." This dispensation was granted by Companion Joseph K. Stapleton, Deputy General Grand High Priest, on May 6th, 1844, "to Jacob Silver, and others, Village of Niles, St. Joseph Valley, Mich." The Committee on Warrants reported that it had "examined a copy of the proceedings" of a "Royal Arch Chapter at Niles, Berrien County, State of Michi-

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gan, from its commencement," and finding its proceedings to have been regular, and its by-laws in conformity with the General Grand Constitution and Regulations of Royal Arch Masonry, on the recommendation of the Committee, a charter was granted to St. Joseph Chapter No. 2, at Niles, Michigan.

At the "Triennial Session," held at Columbus, Ohio, in September, 1847, Companion Joseph K. Stapleton, Deputy General Grand High Priest, reported that he had authorized by proxy, the consecration of "St. Joseph Valley Chapter, at Niles, Mich.," and that he had issued a dispensation to Jackson Chapter, No. 3, at Jackson, Michigan. The General Grand Secretary reported that he had received fifty dollars from Monroe Chapter and forty-four dollars from St. Joseph Valley Chapter for dues, also ninety dollars for the dispensation to Jackson Chapter, twelve dollars from same for dues, and on the recommendation of the Committee on Dispensations and New Chapters, a charter was granted to Jackson Chapter, No. 3, of Jackson, Michigan.

At the "Triennial Session," held at Boston, Massachusetts, in September, 1850, Companion Ezra S. Barnum, General Grand Scribe, reported that in January, 1848, he had granted permission, on proper application, to organize a Grand Chapter in the State of Michigan. The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter at the time such permission was given, provided as follows:

"Whenever there shall have been three Chapters regularly instituted in any State, County, Republic or Territory, by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter shall be established as soon as convenience and propriety may dictate: Provided the approbation of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter be first obtained. And said Chapters, by their regular officers, shall assemble in some suitable place, elect their officers, and make such rules and regulations for their government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter."

From the foregoing statement of facts transcribed from the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, I am of the opinion, though unasked, that your Committee will have little difficulty in reaching the conclusion that Royal Arch Masonry was introduced into the State of Michigan by authority of the General Grand Chapter, in the creation of the three Chapters whose early history is hereinbefore recited, and that the Grand Chapter of Michigan, for sixty years an unquestioned and a loyal constituent of the General Grand Body, was legally formed, duly established and continuously held by authority of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, to which the allegiance of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, and every Royal Arch Mason of its jurisdiction is pledged by solemn obligation.

In reply to your second question, I have only to say that I do not know what effect the withdrawal of the Grand Chapter of Michigan from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter would have upon its membership, except that such action,

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in which they could have no direct participation, and seriously affecting the relations of the Companions to Bodies, especially as to their obligation to support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the General Grand Chapter, which, I presume all have taken, would seemingly tend to impose on them, as their code of ethics, the spirit at least of the Spanish proverb, "oaths are words and words are wind," a most deplorable result.

In reply to your third question, I quote from the proceedings of 1850, the following, an extract from the report of the Committee on Credentials:

"From the State of Michigan, Companion E. Smith Lee, the Grand High Priest, is present, but no credentials or vouchers are in the hands of the Committee, and they cannot therefore return him as officially entitled to a seat, though they do not doubt that he is."

Subsequently, however, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved: That Companion E. Smith Lee, of Michigan, be permitted to take a seat as a member of this General Grand Chapter."

At that session Companion Lee was made a member of a Committee on the subject of a Representative Fund, and Chairman of the Committee on Work and Lectures.

At the "Fifteenth Meeting," held at Lexington, Kentucky, in September, 1853, Companions Michael Shoemaker, Grand High Priest, and Ezra Platt, Deputy Grand High Priest, were present as the representatives of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, and at the "Triennial Session," held at Hartford, Connecticut, in September, 1856, Companions Michael Shoemaker, Grand High Priest, and Frederick Booher, Grand Scribe, were present, with Companion Horace S. Roberts, as proxy of Companion Booher, who had been granted leave of absence.

And at every Triennial Convocation congregated since 1856, the Grand Chapter of Michigan has been faithfully represented by tried and true Companions.

My answer to your fourth question is, that the relations existing between the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Virginia are of the most friendly nature; they have never been constituents of the General Grand Chapter, and the latter, for good and sufficient reasons, has never sought to plant, nor attempted to plant, within their borders, Chapters subject to its jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter of Texas is a lawfully constituted constituent of the General Grand Chapter, yet for many years it has steadily declined to recognize that relation to the parent body, but nevertheless, because of the principle affirmed by the General Grand Chapter at Chicago, in 1859, and reaffirmed at St. Louis in 1868, "That no State Grand Chapter once under its jurisdiction, can, of its own motion and without the sanction of the General Grand Chapter, withdraw its allegiance therefrom," the General Grand Chapter has caused the Grand Chapter of Texas to be favored in every way precisely as it favors all other Grand Chapters of its jurisdiction, and with an un-

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failing hope, that at some time, and in some way, it would resume its lawful and proper relation to the General Grand Chapter.

In regard to your fifth question, I beg to say that while it is not my province to anticipate action of the General Grand Chapter on any particular subject, I may properly offer the suggestion that if it is desired by the Grand Chapter of Michigan that a "Representative Fund" should be founded by the General Grand Chapter, it would seem to be the plain duty of its representatives to propose legislation to that end in open Triennial Convocation and abide the result.

In conclusion, permit me to say that, I have given the fullest information as to the facts in my possession, in respect of the subject matter of your letter, which, I trust may prove of value to the Committee of your Grand Chapter in the consideration of the matter of the resolution referred to it for investigation.

Fraternally yours,

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
General Grand Secretary.

The Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter was held at Savannah, Nov. 10, 1909, and the chairman of your Committee was present. Companion Thomas H. Williams fully intended to be present, but serious illness prevented. At that Convocation the entire correspondence given above was reported in full by the General Grand Secretary and was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. That committee concurred in the findings of the report, further stating that an admission of the power of any constituent of the General Grand Chapter to withdraw its allegience would be fatal to the perpetuity of the General Grand Chapter. Your Committee would therefore report that having confirmed the statements made by the General Grand Secretary by reference to the published proceedings of our own and of the General Grand Chapter we find the exact nature of our connection with and obligations to that body are:

1st. That the first three Chapters in this state were organized and chartered by authority of the General Grand Chapter and acknowledged their allegiance thereto by paying dues and making returns.

2nd. The Grand Chapter of Michigan was organized by these three Chapters in 1848 by virtue of authority received from the General Grand Chapter and our Grand Chapter has paid dues and sent representatives to the General Grand Chapter since that time. It has obligated all its members to maintain and support the constitution, laws and edicts of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

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Every High Priest when installed has taken this pledge: "That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, in conformity to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America and the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of this State. That you will pay respect and due obedience to the instructions of the General and State Grand officers, particularly relating to the several Lectures and Charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter? That you will support and observe the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, and the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, under whose authority you act? That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of these rules to which you now assent?"

3rd. The Constitution of the Grand Chapter, in Sec. 1 of Article IV affirms: The Grand Chapter is the highest source of authority in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, subject to the ancient landmarks, this constitution and the constitution and edicts of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.

At several times in its sixty-two years of history, efforts have been made to dissolve the relations of this Grand Chapter with the General Grand Chapter, particularly during the lamentable trouble between Monroe and Peninsular Chapters of Detroit, when the General Grand Chapter attempted to interfere with the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

In 1857 Grand High Priest Michael Shoemaker called attention to the fact that the General Grand Chapter had failed to adopt a uniform system of work and lectures, a consummation then devoutly to be desired. The subject was referred to a special Committee of which Salathiel C. Coffinbury was chairman. This committee made an able report, closing with this resolution which it offered for adoption:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter, that the General Grand Chapter of the United States has failed in the object of organization; that the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry, if not embarrassed, is certainly not promoted, by its continuance; that it ought to be dissolved, and its Constitution abrogated.

The report was laid upon the table by Grand Chapter. In 1858 Companion Coffinbury was Grand High Priest of Michigan and in his address made a careful and exhaustive report

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on the subject of the G. G. C. and covering twenty-one pages of the proceedings. The same was referred to a committee who made a careful review of the whole subject covering thirty pages and closing with these five resolutions:

1. Resolved, That this Grand Chapter approves the course of our M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Coffinbury, in the matter of Peninsular Chapter; and that we tender him the thanks of this Grand Chapter for the firm and able manner in which he has sustained its privileges and maintained its dignity.

2. Resolved, That this Grand Chapter view with distrust any concession to the General Grand Chapter, of powers greater than that General Grand Body claims for itself, or will exercise; and recognize its own declarations, repeatedly and deliberately made, "that the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter derives all its powers by grant and delegation from the respective Grand Royal Arch Chapters," as the limit and extent of its powers, and that the General Grand Chapter can exercise no power or control over the Subordinates of this State Grand Chapter.

3. Resolved, That the General Grand High Priest has no greater powers or authority than the Grand Body over which he presides, and no powers, but such as are expressly granted by the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter: and that he has no power to suspend a Subordinate Chapter, or in any manner interfere between a Grand Chapter and its Subordinates.

4. Resolved, That the action of M. E. Companion Charles Gilman, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, in receiving a complaint from one Subordinate Chapter and in declaring another irregular, and its acts void (both being within the Jurisdiction,) was an unconstitutional and un-Masonic attempt to usurp authority, in direct contravention of the Constitution and edicts of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, from which alone he can derive authority.

5. Resolved, That a Select Committee of three be appointed to consider and mature a plan for an entire withdrawal of this Grand Chapter from the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, and to suggest any change which may be necessary in our Constitution and forms, with instructions to correspond with the Grand Chapters of other States, now members of the General Grand Chapter, as to the expediency of abolishing the General Grand Chapter, and report to this Grand Chapter at its next Annual Communication.

These resolutions were on call of yeas and nays adopted.

A committee of three was appointed and held over for a report the next year. Their report covers thirty-four closely printed pages of the proceedings, and these resolutions recommended by the Committee were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Grand Chapter that

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the further continuance of the General Grand Chapter would be injurious to the Order, as likely to disturb that harmony between the different jurisdictions which ought to prevail, and that our Representatives to the General Grand Chapter be, and they are, hereby requested to use all honorable means to procure its dissolution.

At the Triennial of the G. G. C. held in Chicago in September, 1859, its constitution was radically changed to avoid complete disruption and dissolution whereby it became only an advisory body instead of a sovereign body, with certain powers delegated to it by the state Grand Chapters and there the Grand Chapter of Michigan dropped its effort to dissolve its affiliation for the time being. Spasmodic attempts have been made at various times since and much discussion has been had but the matter has always rested where it began.

We have gone thus deeply into the matter that you may have all the information before you for consideration.

As the resolution creating this committee does not direct it to make any recommendation, we respectfully submit this as our report and ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject.

Signed: CHAS. A. CONOVER,
HORACE S. MAYNARD,
THOS. H. WILLIAMS.
Committee.

Dated, May 17th, 1910.

Amendment to Constitution.

Companion Charles D. Blanchard offered the following amendment to the constitution relative to time of meeting:

All of the members present voting therefor the amendment was declared unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That Section 4 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter be amended by striking out "Third Tuesday in May" and inserting in lieu thereof the "Fourth Tuesday in June."

Jewel Presented.

Grand Secretary Charles A. Conover then presented the official Past Grand High Priest's jewel to Companion George W. Armstrong, with the following remarks:

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Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

You have now arrived at the pinnacle of your hopes and ambitions in Capitular Masonry. The ballot just announced proclaims that another has succeeded to your place and that emblem of authority must be relinquished. But you have to-day been crowned with an honor that but few of your Companions achieve. Nothing I can say in my small way can add one whit to your honor, but my dear Companion, there is no time so opportune as this, no occasion so long to remain printed on memory's tablet as this event in your life, and I cannot refrain from availing myself of the opportunity to add still another pleasant memory to the rest.

In this grand old state of Michigan you have attained an enviable reputation as a wise and accomplished Mason, an honest and successful business man, and we honor you for the sterling character you have displayed in the conduct of this office for a term, alas too short.

It is one of the happy events of my life that I have the privilege of presenting to you on behalf of this Grand Chapter an emblem of an office you can carry with you to your grave, and that sainted mother who was not spared to see her son inducted into this chair, and the fulfillment of her fond desire, but who, I know, looks on with a smile of approbation, will then greet you with a fond embrace and a "well done, my boy."

As a testimonial of the esteem in which you are held by your Companions, I present you with this jewel of gold and precious stones, emblematic of that purity of intention and rectitude of life and conduct which should influence all who seek to attin the rank of Grand High Priest.

It is your privilege and your duty to wear it on all proper occasions. When life's fitful fever is over and you have done with it, transmit it to that lovely daughter who will cherish it as a testimonial of the love, honor and affection of your Companions for you.

"For life is the mirror of king and slave;
"Tis just what you are and do,
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you."

George, I must be the first to greet you as a Past Grand High Priest of Michigan.

Companion Armstrong feelingly responded, expressing his hearty appreciation and sincere thanks for the same, thus:

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Right Excellent Grand Secretary and Companions.

Although this is not an unexpected pleasure, still it is one which one is never fully prepared to receive. I assure you that during each year I have been in office the friendships formed here have grown dearer until at last I have rounded out my official career and I am soon to step aside and turn this office over to my worthy successor.

It is a regret to me that my dear old mother could not have been permitted to live to this time as she had watched my progress in this Grand Body with a great deal of pleasure.

I wish to thank you and this Grand Chapter for this beautiful jewel and I assure you that I shall prize it most highly, But even more highly shall I value that which it represents—the friendship of the 20,000 Craftsmen of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Again I thank you, Companions.

Report on Correspondence.

Companion Charles A. Conover, Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Michigan:

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully reports that he has reviewed the proceedings of other jurisdictions which were received during the year, making such extracts and comments thereon as seemed to the writer would be of interest or instruction to the reading members of the Royal Craft. The report in in the hands of the printer and will be ready for binding in the proceedings of this Annual Convocation.

It is desired that some method shall be appointed whereby a greater number of the Companions can have access to the printed proceedings. It is, of course, impossible to print enough copies to circulate freely among all the members. Three copies are sent to each Chapter and it is suggested that one of these copies shall be placed in the library or book case in the Chapter or reading room and thereby be accessible to a larger number of the craft.

With the hope that the report may be of assistance to the craft, it is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES A. CONOVER,
Committee on Correspondence.

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Charters and Dispensation.

Companion William F. Denfeld, Chairman of the Committee on Charter and Dispensations, submitted the report of that committee, which was adopted, as follows:

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations have carefully examined the by-laws, records and papers submitted to them by the Companions of Vicksburg Chapter, now working under dispensation granted them February 12, 1910, have found them correct.

We therefore recommend that their petition be granted and a charter be issued to them under the name of Vicksburg Chapter, No. 155.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. DENFELD,
F. J. SCHMIDT,
JOHN NICHOL.
Committee.

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charter and Dispensations to whom was referred the petition of Boyne City Chapter, now working under dispensation granted June 25, 1909, beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the records, by-laws and papers submitted to us and have found the records correct. We have recommended certain changes in the by-laws to make them conform to Masonic usage, which we are informed by the representative of this Chapter will be made. As soon as these changes are completed and forwarded to the Grand Secretary we recommend that a Charter be granted under the name of Boyne City Chapter, No. 154.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. DENFELD,
F. J. SCHMIDT,
JOHN NICHOL.
Committee.

Resolution of Thanks.

Companion Horace S. Maynard offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

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Resolved, That the thanks and ardent appreciation of the members of this Grand Chapter be and are hereby expressed to our beloved Companions of Capital Chapter of Lansing for their generous hospitality and untiring efforts to make this annual meeting one intensely enjoyable.

The entertainment provided for us last evening in this beautiful Masonic Temple was delightful and wholly informal and a great credit to the local craft.

General Grand Chapter Committtee.

The Grand High Priest appointed as the Special Committee to consider the matter of his recommendations regarding the General Grand Chapter:

Companions CHARLES A. CONOVER,
HORACE S. MAYNARD,
THOMAS H. WILLIAMS.

Installation.

The Grand High Priest called Companion Lou B. Winsor, P. G. H. P., to the chair as installing officer and appointed Companion Thomas H. Williams, P. G. H. P., as Grand Marshal. The Officers-elect were then duly installed into their several stations in a very impressive manner.

Standing Committees.

The Grand High Priest, Companion Arthur E. Stevens, then announced the appointment of the standing committees, as follows:

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Finance:
Companions HERBERT K. JENNINGS, Charlotte.
HARMON R. VERNOR, Detroit.
EDWARD J. SHEPHERD, Adrian.

Jurisprudence:
Companions LOU B. WINSOR, Reed City.
EUGENE P. ROBERTSON, Albion.
GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG, Adrian.

Obituary:
Companions CLARENCE H. LEONARD, Detroit.
ARTHUR S. PUTNAM, Manistique.
SID W. MILLARD, Ann Arbor.

Correspondence:
Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater.

Masonic Home:
Companion MARO M. READ, Ypsilanti.

Closing.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at high 12, by the Grand High Priest and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, to meet in Marquette, Tuesday, June 27, 1911.

M. E. Grand High Priest

GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Attest:

Grand Secretary.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF

GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG

GRAND HIGH PRIEST, 1909

(Portrait Frontispiece.)

George Washington Armstrong was born April 18, 1859, at Marshall, Michigan, and is a direct descendant of Rev. John Robinson, of Pilgrim fame. He is also of Revolutionary parentage, two of his great-grandfathers having been in the war of the Revolution. His paternal grandfather had the distinction of being the first man from the State of Vermont to enlist in the war of 1812.

At the age of five years he moved with his parents to Albion, Michigan, and in 1871 they again removed, this time to Adrian, and that city has been his home ever since, with the exception of a few years. In 1878 he went to New York city and was engaged in the wholesale dry goods business for about three years, afterwards going to Iowa, where he continued in the same line of business. In 1883 he again took up his residence in Adrian, being engaged for some years in the retail dry goods trade.

Some years ago Companion Armstrong accepted a position as traveling salesman for Edson, Moore & Co., wholesale dry goods, Detroit, and is at the present time associated with the same firm. During his many years of traveling he has visited almost every city and town in the state, and enjoys a very large Masonic acquaintance.

On October 18, 1882, in the city of Anamosa, Iowa, he was united in marriage with Frances J. McKean, only

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daughter of Dr. H. C. McKean. They have one daughter, Mildred McKean Armstrong, who was born June 26, 1892.

Companion Armstrong is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Adrian.

His Masonic record is as follows: He was initiated in Greenly Lodge, No. 103, of Adrian, April 14th, passed April 28th, raised May 12, 1884.

He received the Chapter degrees in Adrian Chapter No. 10; Mark Master and Past Master, January 10, 1885; Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, January 21, 1886. He held various offices in the Chapter and served as High Priest for the years 1893-1894. He received the Council degrees in Adrian Council No. 18, R. & S. M., December 26, 1907. On December 16, 1877, the Red Cross degree was conferred upon him in Adrian Commandery No. 4, K. T. On February 17, 1888, he was Knighted. He filled every office in his Commandery from Guard to Eminent Commander, serving in the latter capacity in the year 1901-1902.

On October 15, 1896, he was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in Adrian Chapter No. 112, being a candidate when the work was exemplified at the meeting of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

Companion Armstrong is a member of Michigan Sovereign Consistory, A. A. S. R., Valley of Detroit, completing his degrees in January, 1908. He is a member of Moslem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Detroit, and was one of the Moslem Temple Bugle Corps which won fame at the meeting of the Imperial Council at Atlantic City, in July, 1904.

Companion Armstrong was elected Grand Master of the First Veil at the meeting of the Grand Chapter held in the city of Detroit, January, 1901, and has advanced from year to year until his election as M. E. Grand High Priest in May, 1909.

Companion Armstrong has made a most capable and careful Grand High Priest, and his year of adminis-

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tration has been one characterized by straightforward business methods. He has been very enthusiastic in the performance of his various duties, and the impress of his personality will long be felt in the Capitular work of this Grand Jurisdiction. He retires with the love and esteem of the entire Craft of Michigan.

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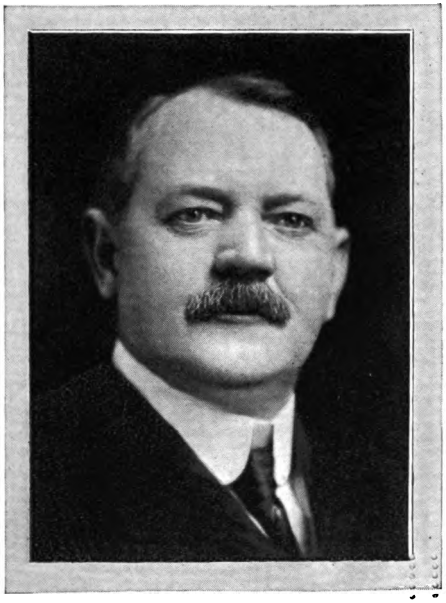

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APPENDIX

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No.	Name and Location	Name and Address of High Priest	Name and Address of Secretary
1	Monroe, Detroit	Fred B. Cox, 612 Townsend	Stuart Simmons, 1214 Majestic B.
2	St. Joseph Valley, Niles	Howard Rose	Edwin C. Griffin
3	Jackson, Jackson	Joseph E. Noll	Claude E. Kilmer
4	Lafayette, Marshall	George W. Leedle	Charles H. Billings
5	Oakland, Pontiac	Arthur G. Newton	Clark B. Turner
6	Washtenaw, Ann Arbor	Gustave H. Sodt	Phillip Blum
7	Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids	Fred M. Mehrtens, 98 Chas.	George W. Peacock, 56 Dunham St.
8	Jonesville, Jonesville	Henry P. Bellamy	William M. Ransom
9	Capital, Lansing	John H. Chase	George L. Clark
10	Adrian, Adrian	William H. Jones	G. Percy Love
11	Centreville, Centreville	Thomas G. Greene	William F. Meyer
12	St. Clair, St. Clair	Charles W. Bowbeer	Frank Moore, Jr.
13	Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo	Edgar L. Harris, 542 John	Lawrence Hollander, 218 Dulton St.
14	Ionia, Ionia	John Nichol	Walter T. Smith
15	Washington, Flint	John C. Clasen	Leander Church
16	Peninsular, Detroit	Geo. H. Blake, 537 Morrell.	John G. English, 251 Woodward Ave.
17	Romeo, Romeo	Benjamin R. Soule	B. Roy Brooks
18	Hillsdale, Hillsdale	Orville J. Cornell	Edward T. Beckhardt
19	Battle Creek, Battle Creek	Alex. J. McRae, 234 Main	James W. Reynolds, 203 Cherry St.
20	Ontonagon, Ontonagon	John G. Parker	Andrew Halter
21	Temple, Coldwater	Clare E. Wise	Chas. L. Keep
22	River Raisin, Monroe	Thomas R. Waters	Addis E. Dunbar
23	Salathiel, Three Rivers	Melbert W. Lott	Clarence A. Howard
24	Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids	John J. Milbourn	Don B. Pember
25	Excelsior, Ypsilanti	Wm. E. L. Smith	Peter W. Carpenter
26	Sturgis, Sturgis	Charles J. Lockwood	Chauncey J. Halbert
27	Huron, Port Huron	Charles F. Farr	Henry Burton
29	Genesee, Fenton	Horatio S. Rodgers	Octavius Robinson
30	Livingston, Howell	Charles E. Gough	William E. Beach
31	Saginaw Valley, Saginaw	Ferd J. Schmidt	George E. Scollen
32	Albion, Albion	Garfield Farley	Frank Labertaux
33	Corunna, Corunna	Arthur W. Green	John Y. Martin
34	Paw Paw, Paw Paw	William Killifer	Wm. C. Y. Ferguson
35	Gate of Temple, Hancock	Norman B. Fox	Jeremiah Bettens
36	Keystone, Dowagiac	Warren E. Conklin	Sidney P. Mosher
37	Mt. Vernon, Dundee	Jesse W. Vine	George H. Pulver
38	Newaygo, Newaygo	W. Ralph Wagers	Louis I. Thompson
39	Portland, Portland	John C. Probart	William F. Selleck
40	Clinton, Clinton	Frank I. Hard	William H. Dorr
41	Damascus, Lexington	Arthur W. Fenton	Rudolph Papst
42	Tecumseh, Tecumseh	Clarence B. Mize	George S. Field
43	Marquette, Marquette	Herman A. Holden	Charles L. Brainerd
45	St. Johns, St. Johns	Clark A. Putt	William Cochrane
46	Siroc, Bronson	Frank Flanders	Albert M. Shepard
47	Muskegon, Muskegon	Orville O. Benedict	Edward D. Magoon
48	Meridian, Manchester	Fred E. Spaford	Edward E. Root
49	Summit, Reading	Edgar O. Quackenbush	Geo. R. Fitzsimmons

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50	Eureka, Allegan	Frank H. Williams	George R. Barney
51	Ingham, Mason	George H. Shaw	Rodney G. Coy
52	Big Rapids, Big Rapids	Howard Pett	Charlie Gay
53	Union City, Union City	Charles E. Day	Fred C. Wilkins
54	Prairie Ronde, Schoolcraft	Justin L. Clark	Thomas Hewitt
55	Union, Northville	Harry A. Bovee	Frank Dolph
56	Oceana, Pentwater	Herbert F. Sands	Martin R. Ewald
57	Bellevue, Bellevue	James Huggett	Fred W. Fitzgerald
58	South Haven, South Haven	Nelson C. Tall	Richard J. Madill
59	Blanchard, Bay City	John B. Smith	William M. Elliot
60	Lyons, Lyons	Alexander R. Pringle	Ransom P. DeVore
61	Galesburg, Galesburg	William F. Schroeder	Alonzo B. Imus
62	Constantine, Constantine	John King	George F. Catton
63	Joppa, Saginaw, W. S.	Frank W. Abelle	Wade B. Whitman
65	Manistee, Manistee	Harry J. Keeley	Albert R. Swartz
66	Stafford, Harbor Beach	Frank B. Hyatt	Walter A. Nivling
67	Chesaning, Chesaning	Charles W. Cheney	Louis I. Thompson
68	Hastings, Hastings	John W. Munton	Charles F. Field
69	Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens	William C. Hacker	John J. Whitney
70	Ithaca, Ithaca	John C. Watson	George O. Davis
71	Milford, Milford	Charles H. Pittinger	Harvey J. Lee
72	Calvin Britain, St. Joseph	Samuel J. Quade	Clarence N. Danforth
73	Hooker, Lowell	M. Clayton Greene	Earl Hunter
74	Thunder Bay, Alpena	Robert E. Ellsworth	Clark J. Crisman
76	Almont, Almont	Benjamin F. Johnston	William F. Hammond
78	Kingsbury, Cassopolis	J. Boyd Thomas	Asa K. Hayden
79	Greenville, Greenville	Al. Hendry	Charles H. Hait
80	Holly, Holly	Samuel H. Mothersill	James B. Starker
81	Colon, Colon	William E. Doran	Jesse L. Bosworth
82	Charlotte, Charlotte	Vaughan G. Griffith	Wesley J. Hauenstein
83	Iosco, Au Sable	Alfred R. Weir	Justus A. Rogers
84	Corinthian, Grand Haven	Charles W. Cotton	Fred Pfaff
85	Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge	J. Mason Soper	George W. Hilliker
87	St. Louis, St. Louis	Elias C. Phillips	Albert H. Lowry
88	Lovell Moore, Rockford	Leigh E. Sears	Dwight F. Beverly
89	Owosso, Owosso	Alonzo Crane	Edwin F. Conant
90	Brooklyn, Brooklyn	George W. Baltzer	Austin S. Palmer
91	Lapeer, Lapeer	Wallace Weir	Arthur C. Holland
92	Ludington, Ludington	F. Bert Olney	Frank P. Dunwell
93	Birmingham, Birmingham	Louis M. Randall	J. Allen Bigelow
94	Oxford, Oxford	John H. Young	Nathaniel R. Smith
95	Lawrence, Lawrence	Edwin N. Plopper	William H. Butcher
96	Caro, Caro	Joseph H. Beckton	A. R. Huntley
97	Evart, Evart	Elmer F. Birdsall	William E. Davis
98	Grass Lake, Grass Lake	William K. Crafts	William H. Curtis
99	Phoenix, Hudson	Charles E. Kirkup	Hamilton W. Grenelle
100	Leslie, Leslie	Fred L. Seger	Frank M. Prine
101	Blissfield, Blissfield	Ralph W. Angell	Fred C. Orvis
102	Traverse City, Traverse City	Fred C. Heumann	Eliph L. Edwards
103	Cadillac, Cadillac	James M. Bothwell	James Johnston
104	Emmet, Petoskey	James Oldham	Adelbert D. Phelps
105	Bangor, Bangor	John Trim	John Miller
106	Kent, Sparta	Daniel J. Wallace	Allen B. Way

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108	Negaunee, Negaunee	William Heggaton	E. J. Pearce
109	Cheboygan, Cheboygan	George Annand	George P. Humphrey
110	Stanton, Stanton	Ray L. Bentley	Charles L. Meach
111	Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant	Wallace H. Marsh	H. Edward Deuel
112	Reed City, Reed City	Clark L. Lane	Ira J. Gilbert
113	Ovid, Ovid	Linden H. Allen	Nathaniel J. Clark
114	Frankfort, Frankfort	Frank O. Wickham	Esen Z. Guild
115	Quincy, Quincy	Frank K. Freeman	William H. Lockerby
116	Flint Rapids, Flushing	Truman H. Rogo	Merton D. Phelps
117	Williamston, Williamston	George L. Bishop	Charles E. Morrison
118	Delta, Escanaba	Charles W. Malloch	Albert H. Rolph
119	Gaylord, Gaylord	Seth M. French	Charles H. Welch
120	Grayling, Grayling	George W. Tyler	John F. Hum
121	Iron Mountain, Iron Moun'n	Thomas D. Anderson	Rudolph T. Miller
122	Minerva, Bessemer	James W. Bedell	Gustav L. Ziebur
123	Alma, Alma	Edgar A. Bagley	Gerritt S. Ward
124	Marcellus, Marcellus	John W. Cowling	Thorley H. Rice
125	Lebanon, Bad Axe	William T. Bartley	James L. Burgess
126	Sault Ste. Marie, S. S. Marie	Edward Stevens	James H. McDonald
127	Manistique, Manistique	Arthur H. Owen	Alex. Davidson
128	Sam Ward, Marine City	John McDonald	John Conley
129	Crystal Falls, Crystal Falls.	Frank Scadden	Fred C. Roberts
130	Homer, Homer	Charles R. Church	Charles D. Burt
131	Fremont, Fremont	Dallas D. Alton	Prince A. Jibson
132	Columbian, Grand Rapids	Frank S. Gould, Cr. Postal Tel. Co.	Henry N. Stone, 188 Fuller St.
133	King Cyrus, Detroit	Frederick J. Werback, 1491 Woodward Ave.	Alvah G. Pitts, 55 Equity Bldg
134	Mackinac, St. Ignace	Edgar H. Hotchkiss	Philip D. Bissell
135	Wyandotte, Wyandotte	James Barber	Bert H. Conwell
136	Bay City, Bay City	George E. Andrews	William H. Frey
137	Rochester, Rochester	William J. Fraser	Elmer J. Lambertson
138	North Branch, North Branch	Melvin R. Deo	James H. Vandecar
139	Durand, Durand	William McCurdie	Dell M. Trumble
140	Olive, Chelsea	John B. Cole	Jabez Bacon
141	Charlevoix, Charlevoix	Wm. Herschel Miller	Edward H. Green
142	Bellaire, Bellaire	Carlton V. Hinman	Carlos Walter Putt
143	Holland, Holland	U. Frank DeVries	Francis M. Gillespie
144	Springport, Springport	Arthur Punches	Allen Crawford
145	Sanilac, Sandusky	Kenneth H. McKenzie	Allyn K. Moore
146	Athens, Athens	Charles A. Standiford	El Dorado Greenfield
147	Farwell, Farwell	Louis Wiesman	John B. Harris
148	Hart, Hart	George S. Root	Arthur A. Husted
149	Plainwell, Plainwell	Rowland L. Soule	Charles W. Machemer
150	Milan, Milan	George A. Dennison	Olney Butler
151	Morenci, Morenci	Henry H. Spencer	James B. Munro
152	Ishpeming, Ishpeming	John L. Bradford	J. Henry Williams
153	Calumet, Calumet	Gordon R. Campbell	Cleveland E. L. Thomas
154	Boyne City, Boyne City	Leslie A. Butler	John Bryant Watson
155	Vicksburg, Vicksburg	Charles C. Draper	J. Frank Follmer

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1	Monroe, Detroit	835	39	2	1	15	5	6	..	851	21	46	2nd Thursday
2	St. Joseph Valley, Niles	129	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	126	..	11	Thurs. on bef. ☉
3	Jackson, Jackson	393	27	1	1	8	5	6	..	403	26	23	1st Thursday
4	Lafayette, Marshall	92	6	2	..	1	..	..	..	99	..	23	1st Tuesday
5	Oakland, Pontiac	164	9	3	..	5	1	6	..	164	..	22	Wed. on or bef. ☉
6	Washtenaw, Ann Arbor	305	16	2	..	7	10	..	1	305	21	34	1st Monday
7	Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids	454	59	4	3	7	1	..	1	511	14	72	2nd Monday
8	Jonesville, Jonesville	77	6	..	1	2	2	..	..	80	16	17	Thursday after ☉
9	Capital, Lansing	309	34	2	..	6	3	..	1	335	23	43	1st Tuesday
10	Adrian, Adrian	201	6	..	1	3	4	1	..	200	27	18	2nd Thursday
11	Centreville, Centreville	63	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	64	..	9	Wed. or bef. ☉
12	St. Clair, St. Clair	47	8	1	..	1	..	..	..	55	..	15	Tuesday before ☉
13	Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo	352	15	3	1	3	5	4	..	359	4	26	Tues. on or bef. ☉
14	Ionia, Ionia	107	..	1	..	2	2	2	..	102	..	7	2nd Friday
15	Washington, Flint	358	19	3	1	9	2	..	..	370	19	28	1st Thursday
16	Peninsular, Detroit	970	50	6	..	19	3	..	..	1004	20	44	1st Wednesday
17	Romeo, Romeo	125	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	125	..	15	Wed. on or bef. ☉
18	Hillsdale, Hillsdale	212	16	..	..	5	..	5	..	218	..	24	.....
19	Battle Creek, Battle Creek	219	30	6	1	4	2	..	..	250	12	45	2nd Thursday
20	Ontonagon, Ontonagon	34	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	36	..	14	2nd Thursday
21	Temple, Coldwater	163	11	2	..	5	..	1	..	170	10	30	1st Wednesday
22	River Raisin, Monroe	91	12	2	..	1	..	..	..	104	11	21	Friday on bef. ☉
23	Salathiel, Three Rivers	94	4	1	6	3	1	..	..	101	8	14	Friday after ☉
24	Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids	104	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	106	..	10	1st Thursday
25	Excelsior, Ypsilanti	201	15	3	..	2	1	6	1	209	..	35	1st Friday
26	Sturgis, Sturgis	94	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	101	..	12	Monday after ☉
27	Huron, Port Huron	329	13	..	..	5	5	6	..	326	1	?	1st Tuesday
29	Genesee, Fenton	112	6	..	1	1	2	..	..	116	6	13	3rd Monday
30	Livingston, Howell	108	10	1	..	..	2	..	..	117	..	24	Fri. on or bef. ☉
31	Saginaw Valley, Saginaw	404	17	3	..	10	4	..	..	410	25	31	1st Thursday
32	Albion, Albion	159	..	..	1	3	3	1	..	153	..	6	1st Thursday
33	Corunna, Corunna	113	6	..	..	1	1	9	1	107	5	16	1st Thursday
34	Paw Paw, Paw Paw	119	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	119	4	11	Fri. on before ☉
35	Gate of Temple, Hancock	276	21	..	3	1	9	12	..	278	2	32	4th Wednesday
36	Keystone, Dowagiac	67	3	..	..	5	1	1	..	63	2	13	Wed. on bef. ☉
37	Mt. Vernon, Dundee	67	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	65	..	18	Fri. on or bef. ☉
38	Newaygo, Newaygo	39	3	..	..	2	..	7	..	33	3	16	Tues. on or bef. ☉
39	Portland, Portland	49	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	51	..	7	Fri. on or bef. ☉
40	Clinton, Clinton	50	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	48	10	7	Tues. on bef. ☉
41	Damascus, Lexington	68	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	70	7	8	Mon. on or bef. ☉
42	Tecumseh, Tecumseh	157	6	..	1	2	1	..	..	161	7	12	Wed. on or bef. ☉
43	Marquette, Marquette	175	9	1	..	2	..	..	..	183	11	22	2nd Friday
45	St. Johns, St. Johns	189	9	1	..	4	1	..	..	194	..	22	Tuesday bef. ☉
46	Siroc, Bronson	40	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	..	18	Fri. on or bef. ☉
47	Muskegon, Muskegon	243	21	2	4	4	1	..	..	265	25	31	1st Thursday.
48	Meridian, Manchester	57	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	61	5	8	Wed. on or bef. ☉
49	Summit, Reading	62	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	62	..	8	Mon. on or bef. ☉
50	Eureka, Allegan	68	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	75	3	11	1st Thursday
51	Ingham, Mason	65	6	1	..	2	..	..	..	70	3	23	Fri. on or bef. ☉
52	Big Rapids, Big Rapids	118	6	3	1	..	..	..	1	127	11	24	2nd Thursday
53	Union City, Union City	66	5	1	..	4	2	..	..	66	5	18	Thurs. on or bef. ☉
54	Prairie, Ronde, Schoolcraft	69	3	1	..	1	5	..	..	67	14	15	Thurs. on or bef. ☉
55	Union, Northville	134	9	..	..	2	3	..	..	138	..	15	2nd Wednesday
56	Oceana, Pentwater	59	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	53	..	2	3rd Monday
57	Bellevue, Bellevue	92	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	89	..	6	Mon. on or bef. ☉
58	South Haven, South Haven	125	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	128	11	12	Fri. on or bef. ☉
59	Blanchard, Bay City	334	3	3	..	14	2	..	1	323	5	14	1st Thursday
60	Lyons, Lyons	53	2	..	..	1	2	..	..	52	..	12	Thurs. on or bef. ☉
61	Galesburg, Galesburg	65	3	..	..	..	1	9	1	57	..	10	Tues. on or bef. ☉
62	Constantine, Constantine	65	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	65	..	10	?
63	Joppa, Saginaw, W. S.	184	9	..	..	6	1	2	..	184	..	27	1st Tuesday
65	Manistee, Manistee	134	4	..	1	2	3	7	1	126	..	19	1st Friday

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66	Stafford, Harbor Beach	69	6	..	..	2	..	4	..	69	1	9	2nd Tuesday
67	Chesaning, Chesaning	32	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	38	..	15	2nd Tuesday
68	Hastings, Hastings	108	3	..	..	2	1	1	..	107	3	23	3rd Friday
69	Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens	125	12	1	..	1	..	..	..	137	7	22	2nd Tuesday
70	Ithaca, Ithaca	103	9	..	..	4	1	..	..	107	..	24	Mon. on or bef. ☺
71	Milford, Milford	68	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	68	7	11	Tues. on or bef. ☺
72	Calvin Britain, St. Joseph	292	21	..	..	7	1	1	..	304	5	38	Wed. on or bef. ☺
73	Hooker, Lowell	97	9	1	..	3	3	..	..	101	..	24	Wed. on or bef. ☺
74	Thunder Bay, Alpena	146	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	146	11	9	1st Friday
76	Almont, Almont	54	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	52	13	11	2nd Friday
78	Kingsbury, Cassopolis	81	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	77	..	2	Wed. on or aft. ☺
79	Greenville, Greenville	107	6	1	..	3	1	..	..	110	..	20	Wed. on or bef. ☺
80	Holly, Holly	71	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	2	15	3rd Wednesday
81	Colon, Colon	61	3	..	..	2	1	..	..	61	4	13	1st Monday
82	Charlotte, Charlotte	185	3	1	..	3	3	..	..	183	..	15	3rd Wednesday
83	Iosco, Au Sable	71	3	..	1	2	2	4	..	67	..	6	Last Friday
84	Corinthian, Grand Haven	89	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	87	..	8	First Tuesday
85	Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge	78	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	75	8	6	Mon. on or bef. ☺
87	St. Louis, St. Louis	80	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	82	..	10	Thur. on or bef. ☺
88	Lovell Moore, Rockford	52	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	52	..	6	Tues. on or bef. ☺
89	Owosso, Owosso	187	18	3	1	3	3	..	..	203	3	33	1st Friday
90	Brooklyn, Brooklyn	75	9	1	..	1	1	..	..	83	..	21	Thurs. on or bef. ☺
91	Lapeer, Lapeer	110	3	1	..	5	1	..	1	107	..	14	1st Monday
92	Ludington, Ludington	127	18	..	..	3	..	..	..	142	3	31	2nd Monday
93	Birmingham, Birmingham	72	6	1	..	2	1	..	..	76	6	22	Mon. on or bef. ☺
94	Oxford, Oxford	65	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	62	3	6	Wed. on or bef. ☺
95	Lawrence, Lawrence	93	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	92	1	5	Tue. after ☺
96	Caro, Caro	101	9	..	..	2	..	..	..	108	7	18	Fri. on or bef. ☺
97	Evart, Evart	46	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	42	..	10	2nd Wednesday
98	Grass Lake, Grass Lake	84	6	..	..	2	1	..	..	87	..	12	Mon. on or bef. ☺
99	Phoenix, Hudson	88	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	..	12	Wed. on or aft. ☺
100	Leslie, Leslie	67	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	63	..	4	1st Friday
101	Blissfield, Blissfield	88	3	..	..	3	..	3	..	85	..	8	Wed. aft. ☺
102	Traverse City, Traverse City	150	12	8	1	1	2	2	..	166	..	33	1st Friday
103	Cadillac, Cadillac	105	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	106	..	15	2nd Friday
104	Emmet, Petoskey	152	12	2	..	2	6	..	..	158	..	22	1st Monday
105	Bangor, Bangor	52	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	53	..	14	4th Wednesday
106	Kent, Sparta	76	6	..	..	1	1	3	..	77	1	20	Fri. on or bef. ☺
107	Menominee, Menominee	121	9	1	1	3	..	3	..	126	..	20	2nd Friday
108	Negaunee, Negaunee	80	6	..	..	..	5	7	..	74	..	18	2nd Tuesday
109	Cheboygan, Cheboygan	78	3	1	1	..	5	..	..	78	..	2	Fri. on or bef. ☺
110	Stanton, Stanton	48	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	44	..	5	3rd Wednesday
111	Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant	82	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	93	2	20	Mon. on or aft. ☺
112	Reed City, Reed City	74	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	71	..	8	1st Friday
113	Ovid, Ovid	62	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	1	6	1st Wednesday
114	Frankfort, Frankfort	66	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	68	..	12	1st Tuesday
115	Quincy, Quincy	38	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	36	..	2	1st Monday
116	Flint Rapids, Flushing	94	3	..	..	2	1	..	..	94	..	16	Thursday after ☺
117	Williamston, Williamston	63	6	..	..	..	1	..	1	67	4	15	Thurs. on or bef. ☺
118	Delta, Escanaba	167	12	2	..	4	2	..	..	175	..	22	2nd Thursday
119	Gaylord, Gaylord	95	3	1	..	1	1	7	..	90	..	19	1st Monday
120	Grayling, Grayling	86	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	85	..	4	3rd Tuesday
121	Iron Mountain, Iron Mountain	115	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	108	..	13	2nd Friday
122	Minerva, Bessemer	102	12	..	..	5	2	..	..	107	..	13	1st Thursday
123	Alma, Alma	50	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	51	3	10	Mon. on or aft. ☺
124	Marcellus, Marcellus	55	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	54	2	8	Wed. on or bef. ☺
125	Lebanon, Bad Axe	100	9	..	..	..	1	2	..	106	3	14	Mon. on or bef. ☺
126	Sault Ste. Marie, S. S. Marie	165	30	1	..	1	2	..	..	193	..	55	1st Monday
127	Manistique, Manistique	130	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	141	1	22	1st Wednesday
128	Sam Ward, Marine City	77	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	79	1	7	2nd Wednesday
129	Crystal Falls, Crystal Falls	73	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	80	..	15	2nd Monday
130	Homer, Homer	50	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	49	1	6	Thurs. on or bef. ☺
131	Fremont, Fremont	64	18	..	..	..	..	2	..	80	..	36	2nd Friday

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No.	Name and Location	Members 1908	Exalted	Admitted	Restored	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Withdrawn	Members 1909	Life Members	No. Meetings	Regular Convocation
132	Columbian, Grand Rapids...	365	56	12	2	2	3	3	2	425	..	44	1st Wednesday
133	King Cyrus, Detroit.....	923	83	11	1	5	5	2	3	1003	..	41	Last Tuesday
134	Mackinac, St. Ignace.....	50	12	..	..	1	2	..	2	57	..	18	1st Thursday
135	Wyandotte, Wyandotte.....	110	9	1	..	1	1	..	..	118	..	24	3rd Thursday
136	Bay City, Bay City.....	137	6	2	..	..	..	1	..	144	3	17	1st Monday
137	Rochester, Rochester.....	68	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	68	..	12	Mon. on or after ✪
138	North Branch, North Branch.	69	15	3	..	..	..	..	..	87	36		Mon. fol. Wed on or bef. ✪
139	Durand, Durand.....	134	8	2	..	1	3	..	..	140	..	19	1st Friday
140	Olive, Chelsea.....	47	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	..	18	Fri. on or bef. ✪
141	Charlevoix, Charlevoix.....	61	15	..	..	..	2	2	..	72	..	22	3rd Monday
142	Bellaire, Bellaire.....	46	4	..	..	..	2	1	..	47	..	14	3rd Monday
143	Holland, Holland.....	66	9	1	..	..	..	..	1	75	..	21	1st Monday
144	Springport, Springport.....	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	6	1st Thursday
145	Sanilac, Sandusky.....	80	20	..	1	..	3	..	1	97	..	28	1st Wednesday
146	Athens, Athens.....	47	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	46	..	6	Tue. on or bef. ✪
147	Farwell, Farwell.....	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	4	Thur. on or bef. ✪
148	Hart, Hart.....	45	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	48	..	13	2nd Monday
149	Plainwell, Plainwell.....	22	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	13	2nd Monday
150	Milan, Milan.....	21	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	2	?	3rd Friday
151	Morenci, Morenci.....	9	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	14	Tuesday af. ✪
152	Ishpeming, Ishpeming.....	31	9	5	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	24	2nd Thursday
153	Calumet, Calumet.....	153	18	10	1	..	..	..	..	182	1	33	4th Monday
154	Boyne City, Boyne City.....	——	12	10	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	21	3rd Thursday

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RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

Number of Chartered Chapters	147	
Number of Chapters U. D.	2	
Number of Defunct Chapters	6	
Membership, Dec. 27, 1908, with corrections		19111
Exalted in the year 1908	1262	
Affiliated	162	
Restored	40	
Total gains shown		1466
		20577
Died in the year 1909	309	
Dimitted	195	
Suspended	155	
Withdrawn	21	
Total losses		680
Total membership, Dec. 27, 1909		19897
Net gain for the year	786	
Average membership of Chapters	134	
Largest Chapter, Peninsular No. 16, Detroit	1004	
Smallest Chapter, Morenci, No. 151	15	
Number Chapters having Exaltations	118	
Number Chapters having no Exaltations	27	
No. Chapters showing gain in Membership	90	
No. Chapters showing loss in Membership	40	
No. Chapters showing same Membership	18	
18 Chapters Exalted six teams or over during 1909: King Cyrus No. 133, 83; Grand Rapids No. 7, 59; Columbian No. 132, 56; Peninsular No. 16, 50; Monroe No. 1, 39; Capitol No. 9,34; Battle Creek No. 19, 30; Slt. St. Marie No. 126, 30; Jackson No. 3, 27; Gate of Temple No. 35, 21; Muskegon No. 47, 21; Calvin Britain No. 72, 21; Sanilac No. 145, 20; Washington No. 15, 19; Owosso No. 89, 18; Ludington No. 92, 18; Fremont No. 131, 18; Calumet No. 153, 18.		
Total membership		19897
EXEMPT FROM DUES.		
Life Members	492	
Members' dues remitted, unable to pay	626	
Secretaries' dues remitted	147	
Exalted in the year	1262	
Members Chapters U. D.	22	
Total exempt		2549
Number subject to per capita for Masonic Home		17348
Per capita at 10c on 17348 Members		$1734.80
Grand Chapter dues paid		$11,171.50
Excess over 1908		$711.50
Numbers of defunct Chapters		28-44-64-75-77-86

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GRAND OFFICERS.	Miles, L. P.	Miles, U. P.	Mileage	Per Diem	Total Paid	OFFICE.
George W. Armstrong, Adrian	83	...	$ 4.98	$9.00	$13.98	Grand High Priest
Arthur E. Stevens, Detroit...	88	...	5.28	6.00	11.28	Deputy Gd. High Priest
Elwin F. Brown, Iron Mountain	261	210	32.40	6.00	38.46	Grand King
James H. Thompson, Lansing.	0	...	.....	6.00	6.00	Grand Scribe
Emerson M. Newell, Fenton..	49	...	2.94	9.00	11.94	Grand Treasurer
Charles A. Conover, Coldwater	78	...	4.68	9.00	13.68	Grand Secretary
Horace S. Maynard, Charlotte.	18	...	1.08	6.00	7.08	Grand Lecturer
John Claflin, Eaton Rapids...	18	...	1.08	6.00	7.08	Grand Chaplain
John H. Kingsley, Manchester	58	...	3.48	6.00	9.48	Grand Capt. of Host
William W. Watts, Ann Arbor	76	...	4.56	6.00	10.56	Grand Prin. Sojourner
Albert J. Young, Escanaba...	261	153	27.90	6.00	33.90	Gd. Royal Arch Capt.
Elmer S. Atherton, Durand...	33	...	1.98	6.00	7.98	Gd. Master 2nd Veil
Walter H. Booth, Grand Rapids	64	...	3.84	6.00	9.84	Gd. Master 1st Veil
James F. McGregor, Detroit..	88	...	5.28	6.00	11.28	Grand Sentinel
Standing Committees.						
Herbert K. Jennings, Charlotte	18	...	1.08	12.00	13.08	Finance
Charles J. Gray, Petoskey....	255	...	15.30	9.00	24.30	Finance
Edwin J. Shepherd, Adrian...	83	...	4.98	9.00	13.98	Finance
Lou B. Winsor, Reed City....	133	...	7.98	9.00	16.98	Jurisprudence
Eugene P. Robertson, Albion.	38	...	2.28	9.00	11.28	Jurisprudence
Thomas H. Williams, Jackson	37	...	2.22	9.00	11.22	Jurisprudence
Arthur W. Kilpatrick, Detroit.	88	...	5.28	6.00	11.27	Obituaries
Frank O. Gilbert, Detroit.....	88	...	5.28	6.00	11.28	Obituaries
Arthur S. Putnam, Manistique	261	99	23.58	6.00	29.58	Obituaries
Maro M. Read, Ypsilanti.....	84	...	5.04	6.00	11.04	Masonic Home
Frank N. Clark, Northville..	66	...	3.96	6.00	9.96	Masonic Home
Past Grand High Priests.						
William G. Hudson, Ludington	168	...	10.08	6.00	16.08	Past Gd. High Priest
John F. Barrows, Lawrence..	136	...	8.16	6.00	14.16	Past Gd. High Priest
Chas. D. Blanchard, Marquette	262	160	28.46	6.00	34.46	Past Gd. High Priest
Charles M. Norton, Lansing..	0	...	.....	6.00	6.00	Past Gd. High Priest
Reuben C. Webb, Detroit.....	88	...	5.28	6.00	11.28	Past Gd. High Priest
William F. Denfeld, Saginaw.	65	...	3.90	6.00	9.90	Past Gd. High Priest
Clark E. Spencer, Port Huron.	115	...	6.90	6.00	12.90	Past Gd. High Priest
M. Earl Brackett, Petoskey..	255	...	15.30	6.00	21.30	Past Gd. High Priest

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1	Monroe, Detroit	88	....	$ 5.28	$6.00	$11.28	$452.00
2	St. Joseph Valley, Niles	153	....	9.18	6.00	15.18	57.00
3	Jackson, Jackson	37	....	2.22	6.00	8.22	225.50
4	Lafayette, Marshall	69	....	4.14	6.00	10.14	53.00
5	Oakland, Pontiac	74	....	4.44	6.00	10.44	92.00
6	Washtenaw, Ann Arbor	76	....	4.56	6.00	10.56	165.50
7	Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids	64	....	3.84	6.00	9.84	324.50
8	Jonesville, Jonesville	60	....	3.60	6.00	9.60	40.50
9	Capital, Lansing	....	....	.....	6.00	6.00	198.00
10	Adrian, Adrian	83	....	4.98	6.00	10.98	90.50
11	Centerville, Centerville	102	....	6.12	6.00	12.12	30.50
12	St. Clair, St. Clair	127	....	7.62	6.00	13.62	37.00
13	Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo	105	....	6.30	6.00	12.30	195.50
14	Ionia, Ionia	38	....	2.28	6.00	8.28	48.50
15	Washington, Flint	49	....	2.94	6.00	8.94	198.50
16	Peninsular, Detroit	88	....	5.28	6.00	11.28	554.50
17	Romeo, Romeo	95	....	5.70	6.00	11.70	66.00
18	Hillsdale, Hillsdale	64	....	3.84	6.00	9.84	135.00
19	Battle Creek, Battle Creek	45	....	2.70	6.00	8.70	158.00
20	Ontonagon, Ontonagon	261	275	37.66	6.00	43.66	21.50
21	Temple, Coldwater	78	....	4.68	6.00	10.68	95.00
22	River Raisin, Monroe	96	....	5.76	6.00	11.76	62.50
23	Salathiel, Three Rivers	107	....	6.42	6.00	12.42	52.00
24	Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids	18	....	1.08	6.00	7.08	48.00
25	Excelsior, Ypsilanti	84	....	5.04	6.00	11.04	121.00
26	Sturgis, Sturgis	102	....	6.12	6.00	12.12	57.00
27	Huron, Port Huron	115	....	6.90	6.00	12.90	175.50
29	Genesee, Fenton	49	....	2.94	.....	.....	59.00
30	Livingston, Howell	34	....	2.04	6.00	8.04	67.50
31	Saginaw Valley, Saginaw	65	....	3.90	6.00	9.90	213.50
32	Albion, Albion	38	....	2.28	6.00	8.28	74.50
33	Corunna, Corunna	30	....	1.80	6.00	7.80	59.00
34	Paw Paw, Paw Paw	127	....	7.62	6.00	13.62	55.50
35	Gate of Temple, Hancock	261	255	26.06	6.00	42.06	167.50
36	Keystone, Dowagiac	141	....	8.46	6.00	14.46	33.50
37	Mt. Vernon, Dundee	86	....	5.16	6.00	11.16	30.50
38	Newaygo, Newaygo	100	....	6.00	.....	.....	19.00
39	Portland, Portland	24	....	1.44	6.00	7.44	29.50
40	Clinton, Clinton	65	....	3.90	6.00	9.90	17.00
41	Damascus, Lexington	155	....	9.30	6.00	15.30	36.50
42	Tecumseh, Tecumseh	70	....	4.20	6.00	10.20	83.50
43	Marquette, Marquette	261	160	28.46	6.00	34.46	98.00
45	St. Johns, St. Johns	20	....	1.20	6.00	7.20	101.00
46	Siroc, Bronson	89	....	5.34	.....	.....	30.50
47	Muskegon, Muskegon	104	....	6.24	6.00	12.24	146.00
48	Meridian, Manchester	58	....	3.48	6.00	9.48	32.00
49	Summit, Reading	76	....	4.56	6.00	10.56	25.00
50	Eureka, Allegan	87	....	5.22	6.00	11.22	40.00
51	Ingham, Mason	12	....	.72	6.00	6.72	40.00
52	Big Rapids, Big Rapids	120	....	7.20	6.00	13.20	66.50
53	Union City, Union City	79	....	4.74	6.00	10.74	35.00
54	Prairie Ronde, Schoolcraft	74	....	4.44	6.00	10.44	29.00
55	Union, Northville	66	....	3.96	6.00	9.96	74.50
56	Oceana, Pentwater	150	....	9.00	.....	.....	26.00
57	Bellevue, Bellevue	31	....	1.86	6.00	7.86	43.50
58	South Haven, South Haven	145	....	8.70	6.00	14.70	62.50
59	Blanchard, Bay City	79	....	4.74	6.00	10.74	160.00
60	Lyons, Lyons	36	....	2.16	6.00	8.16	27.00
61	Galesburg, Galesburg	79	....	4.74	6.00	10.74	32.50
62	Constantine, Constantine	93	....	5.58	6.00	11.58	31.00
63	Joppa, Saginaw, W. S.	65	....	3.90	6.00	9.90	97.50
65	Manistee, Manistee	177	....	10.62	6.00	16.62	66.00
66	Stafford, Harbor Beach	188	....	11.28	6.00	17.28	42.00
67	Chesaning, Chesaning	41	....	2.46	6.00	8.46	27.00
68	Hastings, Hastings	43	....	2.58	6.00	8.58	51.50
69	Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens	110	....	6.60	6.00	12.60	82.50
70	Ithaca, Ithaca	58	....	3.48	6.00	9.48	61.50
71	Milford, Milford	70	....	4.20	6.00	10.20	22.50
72	Calvin Britain, St. Joseph	161	....	9.66	6.00	15.66	179.50
73	Hooker, Lowell	50	....	3.00	6.00	9.00	60.50
74	Thunder Bay, Alpena	205	....	12.30	6.00	18.30	65.00
76	Almont, Almont	149	....	8.94	6.00	14.94	19.00
78	Kingsbury, Cassopolis	98	....	5.88	6.00	11.88	36.00
79	Greenville, Greenville	58	....	3.48	6.00	9.48	62.50

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80	Holly, Holly	85	....	5.10	6.00	11.10	52.00
81	Colon, Colon	92	....	5.52	6.00	11.52	32.00
82	Charlotte, Charlotte	18	....	1.08	6.00	7.08	90.50
83	Iosco, Au Sable	153	....	9.18	6.00	15.18	38.50
84	Corinthian, Grand Haven	95	....	5.70	6.00	11.70	43.00
85	Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge	12	....	.72	6.00	6.72	33.00
87	St. Louis, St. Louis	103	....	6.18	6.00	12.18	44.00
88	Lovell Moore, Rockford	78	....	4.68	6.00	10.68	23.00
89	Owosso, Owosso	27	....	1.62	6.00	7.62	125.50
90	Brooklyn, Brooklyn	70	....	4.20	6.00	10.20	54.50
91	Lapeer, Lapeer	69	....	4.14	6.00	10.14	57.50
92	Ludington, Ludington	168	....	10.08	.....	.....	91.50
93	Birmingham, Birmingham	81	....	4.86	6.00	10.86	42.00
94	Oxford, Oxford	86	....	5.16	6.00	11.16	29.00
95	Lawrence, Lawrence	136	....	8.16	6.00	14.16	43.00
96	Caro, Caro	101	....	6.06	6.00	12.06	63.50
97	Evart, Evart	141	....	8.46	6.00	14.46	19.50
98	Grass Lake, Grass Lake	48	....	2.88	6.00	8.88	51.50
99	Phoenix, Hudson	67	....	4.02	6.00	10.02	51.50
100	Leslie, Leslie	21	....	1.26	6.00	7.26	30.50
101	Blissfield, Blissfield	85	....	5.10	6.00	11.10	44.50
102	Traverse City, Traverse City	212	....	12.72	6.00	18.72	100.00
103	Cadillac, Cadillac	147	....	8.82	6.00	14.82	55.00
104	Emmet, Petoskey	255	....	15.30	6.00	21.30	93.00
105	Bangor, Bangor	125	....	7.50	6.00	13.50	28.50
106	Kent, Sparta	79	....	4.74	6.00	10.74	43.00
107	Menominee, Menominee	261	217	33.02	6.00	39.02	75.50
108	Negaunee, Negaunee	261	172	29.42	6.00	35.42	45.00
109	Cheboygan, Cheboygan	245	....	14.70	6.00	20.70	43.00
110	Stanton, Stanton	62	....	3.72	6.00	9.72	21.50
111	Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant	84	....	5.04	6.00	11.04	60.00
112	Reed City, Reed City	133	....	7.98	6.00	13.98	32.50
113	Ovid, Ovid	26	....	1.56	6.00	7.56	32.00
114	Frankfort, Frankfort	212	....	12.72	6.00	18.72	38.50
115	Quincy, Quincy	72	....	4.32	6.00	10.32	16.00
116	Flint Rapids, Flushing	46	....	2.76	6.00	8.76	46.50
117	Williamston, Williamston	14	....	.84	6.00	6.84	38.50
118	Delta, Escanaba	261	153	27.90	6.00	33.90	105.00
119	Gaylord, Gaylord	198	....	11.88	6.00	17.88	49.00
120	Grayling, Grayling	169	....	10.14	.....	.....	38.50
121	Iron Mountain, Iron Mountain	261	210	32.46	6.00	38.46	53.50
122	Minerva, Bessemer	261	301	39.74	6.00	45.74	70.50
123	Alma, Alma	65	....	3.90	6.00	9.90	23.50
124	Marcellus, Marcellus	82	....	4.92	6.00	10.92	25.50
125	Lebanon, Bad Axe	132	....	7.92	6.00	13.92	63.50
126	Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Ste. Marie	261	80	22.06	6.00	28.06	141.00
127	Manistique, Manistique	261	99	23.58	6.00	29.58	84.00
128	Sam Ward, Marine City	135	....	8.10	6.00	14.10	40.00
129	Crystal Falls, Crystal Falls	261	238	34.70	6.00	40.70	48.00
130	Homer, Homer	46	....	2.76	6.00	8.76	22.00
131	Fremont, Fremont	131	....	7.86	6.00	13.86	65.50
132	Columbian, Grand Rapids	64	....	3.84	6.00	9.84	288.00
133	King Cyrus, Detroit	88	....	5.28	6.00	11.28	618.00
134	Mackinac, St. Ignace	261	9	16.38	6.00	22.38	44.50
135	Wyandotte, Wyandotte	100	....	6.00	6.00	12.00	72.00
136	Bay City, Bay City	79	....	4.74	6.00	10.74	78.50
137	Rochester, Rochester	83	....	4.98	6.00	10.98	37.50
138	North Branch, North Branch	97	....	5.82	6.00	11.82	65.50
139	Durand, Durand	33	....	1.98	6.00	7.98	79.00
140	Olive, Chelsea	59	....	3.54	6.00	9.54	35.00
141	Charlevoix, Charlevoix	274	....	16.44	6.00	22.44	57.00
142	Bellaire, Bellaire	247	....	14.82	6.00	20.82	28.50
143	Holland, Holland	90	....	5.40	6.00	11.40	49.00
144	Springport, Springport	27	....	1.62	6.00	7.62	21.50
145	Sanilac, Sandusky	164	....	9.84	6.00	15.84	80.00
146	Athens, Athens	64	....	3.84	6.00	9.84	23.50
147	Farwell, Farwell	104	....	6.24	6.00	12.24	16.00
148	Hart, Hart	146	....	8.76	6.00	14.76	28.00
149	Plainwell, Plainwell	101	....	6.06	6.00	12.06	16.50
150	Milan, Milan	77	....	4.62	6.00	10.62	33.00
151	Morenci, Morenci	101	....	6.06	.....	.....	16.00
152	Ishpeming, Ishpeming	261	175	29.66	6.00	35.66	35.50
153	Calumet, Calumet	261	268	37.10	6.00	43.10	117.50

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No.	Name and location of Chapter.	No. in arrears of dues more than one year.	Annual dues per capita.	Hall owned by Masonic fraternity.	Insurance on paraphernalia and property.	Library for proceedings and laws.	No. regular convocations.	No. special convocations.	No. exempt from dues.
1	Monroe, Detroit	121	$3 00	Yes..	$500	Yes..	13	33	103
2	St. Joseph Valley, Niles	34	2 00	No...	1,000	(?)	8	3	12
3	Jackson, Jackson	104	2 00	Yes..	500	Yes..	12	11	60
4	Lafayette, Marshall	(?)	1 50	Yes..	1,950	No...	9	14	17
5	Oakland, Pontiac	3	1 00	(?)	(?)	(?)	10	12	16
6	Washtenaw, Ann Arbor	(?)	2 00	No...	3,000	No...	12	22	38
7	Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids	38	5 00	No...	Yes..	No...	12	60	103
8	Jonesville, Jonesville	14	1 00	Yes..	2,000	Yes..	8	9	23
9	Capital, Lansing	53	2 00	Yes..	300	(?)	12	31	74
10	Adrian, Adrian	26	1 50	No...	600	Yes..	9	9	43
11	Centerville, Centerville	0	1 50	Yes..	(?)	(?)	6	3	15
12	St. Clair, St. Clair	3	2 00	No...	No...	Yes..	4	11	13
13	Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo	82	2 00	No...	1,500	No...	12	14	28
14	Ionia, Ionia	(?)	2 00	No...	2,000	No...	6	1	5
15	Washington, Flint	42	1 00	Yes..	(?)	(?)	11	17	49
16	Peninsular, Detroit	235	3 00	Yes .	No...	Yes..	12	32	95
17	Romeo, Romeo	50	1 00	No...	1,077	No...	9	6	5
18	Hillsdale, Hillsdale	16	2 00	Yes..	4,500	No...	12	12	12
19	Battle Creek, Battle Creek	1	2 00	No...	500	Yes..	12	33	54
20	Ontonagon, Ontonagon	10	4 00	(?)	300	No...	12	2	5
21	Temple, Coldwater	0	1 50	Yes..	Yes..	Yes..	13	17	23
22	River Raisin, Monroe	8	1 50	No...	500	(?)	10	11	27
23	Salathiel, Three Rivers	10	2 00	(?)	300	No...	12	2	13
24	Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids	0	2 00	No...	500	Yes..	6	4	22
25	Excelsior, Ypsilanti	29	2 00	Yes..	600	Yes..	11	24	27
26	Sturgis, Sturgis	11	1 50	Yes..	3,550	Yes..	8	4	11
27	Huron, Port Huron	(?)	(?)	Yes..	(?)	Yes..	(?)	(?)	27
29	Genesee, Fenton	7	1 50	No...	1,500	(?)	8	5	22
30	Livingston, Howell	24	1 00	Yes..	1,000	No...	12	12	22
31	Saginaw Valley, Saginaw	56	3 00	Yes..	1,500	No...	12	19	51
32	Albion, Albion	25	1 50	No...	200	(?)	6	(?)	5
33	Corunna, Corunna	16	2 00	Yes..	(?)	No...	8	8	13
34	Paw Paw, Paw Paw	17	1 00	No...	400	(?)	7	4	20
35	Gate of Temple, Hancock	28	5 00	No...	800	(?)	10	22	27
36	Keystone, Dowagiac	11	2 00	Yes..	800	Yes..	9	4	8
37	Mt. Vernon, Dundee	24	1 50	(?)	600	(?)	11	7	4
38	Newaygo, Newaygo	7	1 00	No...	800	No...	8	8	7
39	Portland, Portland	4	1 50	No...	400	No...	2	5	4
40	Clinton, Clinton	12	1 00	Yes..	(?)	Yes..	5	2	14
41	Damascus, Lexington	28	1 00	Yes..	1,400	No...	5	3	12
42	Tecumseh, Tecumseh	14	1 50	(?)	1,000	No...	9	3	18
43	Marquette, Marquette	12	4 00	No...	500	(?)	12	10	23
45	St. Johns, St. Johns	(?)	1 00	No...	(?)	Yes..	11	11	28
46	Siroc, Bronson	19	1 00	No...	(?)	No...	9	9	9
47	Muskegon, Muskegon	8	2 00	Yes..	250	Yes..	11	20	57
48	Meridian, Manchester	3	1 00	No...	250	(?)	6	2	9
49	Summit, Reading	(?)	1 00	Yes..	(?)	Yes..	7	1	12
50	Eureka, Allegan	20	2 50	Yes..	300	(?)	6	5	7
51	Ingham, Mason	(?)	1 00	Yes..	1,500	No...	10	13	14
52	Big Rapids, Big Rapids	23	2 00	No...	850	(?)	10	14	18
53	Union City, Union City	5	1 00	Yes..	1,000	Yes..	8	10	16
54	Prairie Ronde, Schoolcraft	14	1 00	No...	No...	(?)	7	8	21
55	Union, Northville	30	2 00	Yes..	(?)	Yes..	9	6	25
56	Oceana, Pentwater	22	2 00	Yes..	5,000	No...	2	0	1
57	Bellevue, Bellevue	10	1 00	No...	150	No...	6	0	2
58	South Haven, South Haven	0	1 00	Yes..	200	No...	7	5	15
59	Blanchard, Bay City	0	2 00	Yes..	(?)	Yes..	11	3	15
60	Lyons, Lyons	11	50	(?)	(?)	(?)	8	4	6
61	Galesburg, Galesburg	5	1 00	Yes..	2,500	(?)	6	4	4
62	Constantine, Constantine	(?)	1 50	No...	(?)	(?)	9	1	3
63	Joppa, Saginaw, W. S.	20	2 00	No...	200	Yes..	12	15	25
65	Manistee, Manistee	8	2 00	No...	No...	(?)	11	8	10

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66	Stafford, Harbor Beach	9	$1 00	Yes..	No...	No...	5	4	3
67	Chesaning, Chesaning	2	2 00	No...	$250	No...	7	8	12
68	Hastings, Hastings	14	2 00	Yes..	300	Yes..	12	11	16
69	Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens	16	1 50	No...	1,500	No...	10	12	20
70	Ithaca, Ithaca	(?)	2 00	No...	500	(?)	11	13	20
71	Milford, Milford	(?)	2 00	No...	No...	No...	10	1	13
72	Calvin Britain, St. Joseph	86	2 00	No...	800	No...	13	25	29
73	Hooker, Lowell	14	1 50	No...	500	No...	12	12	16
74	Thunder Bay, Alpena	51	2 00	Yes..	(?)	Yes..	6	3	16
76	Almont, Almont	(?)	2 00	No...	(?)	(?)	7	4	14
78	Kingsbury, Cassopolis	13	2 00	No...	300	(?)	2	0	5
79	Greenville, Greenville	30	2 00	No...	350	No...	9	11	9
80	Holly, Holly	25	1 00	Yes..	600	Yes..	12	3	12
81	Colon, Colon	16	1 00	(?)	250	(?)	7	6	9
82	Charlotte, Charlotte	64	2 00	Yes..	500	Yes..	8	7	14
83	Iosco, Au Sable	20	2 00	No...	500	3	3	3	2
84	Corinthian, Grand Haven	6	2 00	No...	1,000	Yes..	8	0	1
85	Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge	(?)	1 50	(?)	500	(?)	6	(?)	9
87	St. Louis, St. Louis	21	1 00	Yes..	2,000	(?)	5	5	6
88	Lovell Moore, Rockford	17	1 00	Yes..	500	(?)	5	1	6
89	Owosso, Owosso	14	2 00	No...	500	No...	11	22	24
90	Brooklyn, Brooklyn	35	1 00	(?)	(?)	(?)	9	12	10
91	Lapeer, Lapeer	55	1 00	No...	(?)	(?)	7	7	4
92	Ludington, Ludington	(?)	2 00	No...	300	Yes..	12	19	31
93	Birmingham, Birmingham	14	1 00	Yes..	2,700	(?)	12	10	17
94	Oxford, Oxford	(?)	2 00	No...	900	No...	5	1	4
95	Lawrence, Lawrence	(?)	1 00	(?)	(?)	(?)	3	2	6
96	Caro, Caro	30	2 00	No...	No...	Yes..	10	8	17
97	Evart, Evart	9	2 00	No...	750	No...	7	3	3
98	Grass Lake, Grass Lake	8	1 00	(?)	1,400	(?)	7	5	8
99	Phœnix, Hudson	20	2 00	Yes..	800	Yes..	5	7	16
100	Leslie, Leslie	(?)	1 20	No...	No...	No...	4	0	2
101	Blissfield, Blissfield	(?))	1 00	No...	600	No...	5	3	8
102	Traverse City, Traverse City	22	3 00	No...	666	Yes..	12	21	14
103	Cadillac, Cadillac	20	2 00	No...	3 00	Yes..	9	6	8
104	Emmet, Petoskey	(?)	2 00	No...	1,000	(?)	9	13	20
105	Bangor, Bangor	8	1 00	No...	500	(?)	7	7	8
106	Kent, Sparta	19	2 00	No...	500	(?)	10	10	15
107	Menominee, Menominee	27	3 00	No...	1,000	(?)	11	9	11
108	Negaunee, Negaunee	32	4 00	No...	500	Yes..	10	8	8
109	Cheboygan, Cheboygan	37	3 00	No...	300	No...	2	0	4
110	Stanton, Stanton	8	1 00	No...	500	(?)	3	2	1
111	Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant	27	2 00	No...	400	No...	10	10	13
112	Reed City, Reed City	5	2 00	No...	(?)	No...	7	1	6
113	Ovid, Ovid	11	2 00	No...	450	No...	5	1	13
114	Frankfort, Frankfort	11	2 00	No...	300	No...	6	6	7
115	Quincy, Quincy	9	75	Yes..	225	No...	2	0	4
116	Flint Rapids, Flushing	20	1 00	No...	200	(?)	13	3	13
117	Williamston, Williamston	6	1 00	Yes..	2,000	No...	6	9	14
118	Delta, Escanaba	3	2 00	Yes..	600	(?)	12	10	13
119	Gaylord, Gaylord	17	2 00	No...	1,500	(?)	12	7	4
120	Grayling, Grayling	26	2 00	(?)	500	(?)	3	1	9
121	Iron Mountain, Iron Mountain	39	3 00	No...	500	Yes..	8	5	1
122	Minerva, Bessemer	34	3 00	No...	No...	Yes..	8	5	14
123	Alma, Alma	13	2 00	No...	300	No...	8	2	4
124	Marcellus, Marcellus	15	1 00	(?)	200	(?)	8	0	3
125	Lebanon, Bad Axe	25	1 00	Yes..	(?)	(?)	9	5	13
126	Sault St. Marie, S. S. Marie	43	3 00	No...	1,500	No...	12	43	31
127	Manistique, Manistique	22	2 00	No...	300	No...	9	13	12
128	Sam Ward, Marine City	11	2 00	Yes..	4,500	(?)	3	4	7
129	Crystal Falls, Crystal Falls	5	5 00	No...	700	(?)	9	6	8
130	Homer, Homer	18	1 50	(?)	1,000	No...	6	0	5

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131	Fremont, Fremont	10	$2 00	(?)	$625	(?)	12	24	21
132	Columbian, Grand Rapids	0	3 00	No...	No...	No...	12	32	73
133	King Cyrus, Detroit	70	3 00	Yes..	Yes..	Yes..	12	29	99
134	Mackinac, St. Ignace	11	2 00	No...	225	No...	9	9	14
135	Wyandotte, Wyandotte	29	2 00	No...	300	No...	12	12	11
136	Bay City, Bay City	37	2 00	Yes..	Yes..	Yes..	10	7	11
137	Rochester, Rochester	4	2 00	No...	200	(?)	7	5	5
138	North Branch, North Branch	5	1 00	No...	250	No...	12	24	16
139	Durand, Durand	20	1 50	Yes..	500	Yes..	7	12	14
140	Olive, Chelsea	(?)	2 00	Yes..	300	(?)	8	10	7
141	Charlevoix, Charlevoix	18	2 00	(?)	(?)	No...	10	12	18
142	Bellaire, Bellaire	9	2 00	No...	No...	(?)	9	5	6
143	Holland, Holland	17	2 00	No...	500	(?)	9	12	13
144	Springport, Springport	23	2 00	No...	150	No...	4	2	2
145	Sanilac, Sandusky	10	2 00	No...	No...	No...	12	16	21
146	Athens, Athens	7	1 25	Yes..	(?)	Yes..	5	1	3
147	Farwell, Farwell	(?)	2 00	(?)	300	(?)	4	0	1
148	Hart, Hart	2	2 00	Yes..	(?)	No...	13	0	4
149	Plainwell, Plainwell	0	2 00	No...	(?)	No...	9	4	4
150	Milan, Milan	0	2 00	No...	600	No...	(?)	0	15
151	Morenci, Morenci	0	2 00	No...	(?)	No...	8	6	7
152	Ishpeming, Ishpeming	(?)	4 00	No...	(?)	No...	10	14	10
153	Calumet, Calumet	(?)	5 00	No...	No...	No...	10	23	20
154	Boyne City	0	(?)	No...	600	(?)	5	16	22

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1	Monroe	Detroit	Dec. 3,1818	Sept. 11,1819		Org. G. C. Mar. 9, 1848
2	St. Joseph Valley	Niles	May 16,1844	Sept. 13,1844		Org. G. C. Mar. 9, 1848
3	Jackson	Jackson	1847	Sept. 16,1847		Org. G. C. Mar. 9, 1848
4	Lafayette	Marshall	Mar. 1849	Jan. 3,1850		
5	Oakland	Pontiac	July 1849	Jan. 3,1850		
6	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Oct. 1849	Jan. 3,1850		
7	Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids	1850	Jan. 2,1851		
8	Jonesville	Jonesville	1851	Jan. 16,1852		
9	Capital	Lansing	Mar. 14,1851	Jan. 16,1852	Rev. 1852	Reorganized 1862.
10	Adrian	Adrian	Jan. 28,1851	Feb. 1,1852		
11	Centerville	Centerville	1852	Feb. 1,1853		
12	St. Clair	St. Clair	June 28,1853	Jan. 10,1854		
13	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	Nov. 15,1853	Jan. 10,1854		
14	Ionia	Ionia	1855	Jan. 9,1856		
15	Washington	Flint	Mar. 27,1856	Jan. 13,1857		
16	Peninsular	Detroit	None	Jan. 13,1857		
17	Romeo	Romeo	Mar. 1857	Jan. 13,1858		
18	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	June 1857	Jan. 14,1858		Const. as Excelsior.
19	Battle Creek	Battle Creek	Oct. 1857	Jan. 13,1858		
20	Ontonagon	Ontonagon	June 26,1858	Jan. 10,1859	Arr. Jan. 19, 1876 Arr. Jan. 18, 1899	Res. Jan. 18, 1883. Burned, 1896.
20	Ontonagon	Ontonagon	Oct. 15,1906	May 22,1907		
21	Temple	Coldwater	Nov. 6,1858	Jan. 13,1859		
22	River Raisin	Monroe	Mar. 7,1859	Jan. 10,1860		
23	Salathiel	Three Rivers	Aug. 19,1859	Jan. 10,1860		
24	Eaton Rapids	Eaton Rapids	1859	Jan. 7,1860		
25	Excelsior	Ypsilanti	Nov. 1860	Jan. 8,1861		
26	Sturgis	Sturgis	None	Jan. 8,1861		
27	Huron	Port Huron	None	Jan. 8,1861		
28	Hudson	Hudson	None	Jan. 13,1863	Rev. Jan. 19, 1875	Reorg. as No. 99.
29	Genesee	Fenton	Feb. 16,1863	Jan. 12,1864		
30	Livingston	Howell	April 13,1863	Jan. 12,1864		
31	Saginaw Valley	Saginaw, E. S.	None	Jan. 12,1864		
32	Albion	Albion	None	Jan. 13,1864		
33	Corunna	Corunna	1864	Jan. 10,1865		
34	Paw Paw	Paw Paw	1864	Jan. 10,1865		
35	Gate of Temple	Hancock	1864	Jan. 10,1865		
36	Keystone	Dowagiac	1864	Jan. 10,1865		
37	Mt. Vernon	Dundee	None	Jan. 10,1865		
38	Newaygo	Newaygo	1864	Jan. 11,1865		
39	Portland	Portland	Mar. 5,1865	Jan. 9,1866		
40	Clinton	Clinton	Sept. 16,1865	Jan. 9,1866		
41	Damascus	Lexington	Oct. 28,1865	Jan. 10,1866		
42	Tecumseh	Tecumseh	None	Jan. 9,1866		
43	Marquette	Marquette	None	Jan. 9,1866		
44	Austin	Austin	None	Jan. 10,1866	Rev. Jan. 19, 1886	
45	St. Johns	St. Johns	April 9,1865	Jan. 8,1867		
46	Siroc	Bronson	Nov. 19,1866	Jan. 8,1867		
47	Muskegon	Muskegon	None	Jan. 8,1867		
48	Meridian	Manchester	April 4,1867	Jan. 8,1868		
49	Summit	Reading	June 5,1867	Jan. 8,1868		
50	Eureka	Allegan	May 23,1867	Jan. 8,1868		
51	Ingham	Mason	Aug. 6,1867	Jan. 8,1868		
52	Big Rapids	Big Rapids	Aug. 21,1867	Jan. 8,1868		
53	Union City	Union City	July 6,1867	Jan. 8,1868		
54	Prairie Ronde	Schoolcraft	Aug. 24,1867	Jan. 8,1868		
55	Union	Northville	Oct. 3,1867	Jan. 8,1868		
56	Oceana	Pentwater	None	Jan. 8,1868		
57	Bellevue	Bellevue	None	Jan. 8,1868		
58	South Haven	South Haven	Sept. 30,1867	Jan. 8,1868		
59	Blanchard	Bay City	Oct. 1,1867	Jan. 8,1868		Burned May 19, 1903.
60	Lyons	Lyons	May 4,1868	Jan. 13,1869		
61	Galesburg	Galesburg	May 14,1868	Jan. 13,1869		
62	Constantine	Constantine	June 22,1868	Jan. 14,1869		Const. White Pigeon.
63	Joppa	Saginaw	June 27,1868	Jan. 13,1869		
64	Richmond	Richmond	July 28,1868	Jan. 13,1869	Sur. Dec. 14, 1879	
65	Manistee	Manistee	Sept. 9,1868	Jan. 13,1869		Burned May 10, 1909.

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66	Stafford	Harbor Beach	Dec. 26,1868	Jan. 13,1869		Const. Pt. Hope.
67	Chesaning	Chesaning	None	Jan. 13,1869		
68	Hastings	Hastings	Sept. 2,1869	Jan. 12,1870		
69	Mt. Clemens	Mt. Clemens	Feb. 21,1870	Jan. 10,1871		
70	Ithaca	Ithaca	Feb. 28,1870	Jan. 10,1871		
71	Milford	Milford	Mar. 26,1870	Jan. 10,1871		
72	Calvin Britain	St. Joseph	Mar. 31,1870	Jan. 10,1871		
73	Hooker	Lowell	June 4,1870	Jan. 10,1871		
74	Thunder Bay	Alpena	Aug. 8,1870	Jan. 10,1871		
75	Decatur	Decatur	Dec. 17,1870	Jan. 10,1871	Rev. Jan.18, 1893	
76	Almont	Almont	None	Jan. 10,1871		
77	Morenci	Morenci	None	Jan. 10,1871	Sur. Mar.26, 1879	Reorg'sed as No. 151.
78	Kingsbury	Cassopolis	Mar. 4,1871	Jan. 5,1872		
79	Greenville	Greenville	May 24,1871	Jan. 5,1872		
80	Holly	Holly	July 6,1871	Jan. 5,1872		
81	Colon	Colon	July 7,1871	Jan. 5,1872		
82	Charlotte	Charlotte	Nov. 6,1871	Jan. 5,1872		
83	Iosco	Au Sable	Mar. 21,1871	Jan. 3,1873		
84	Corinthian	Grand Haven	Sept. 20,1872	Jan. 3,1873		
85	Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge	None	Jan. 3,1873		
86	Pinckney	Pinckney	Aug. 16,1872	Jan. 21,1874	Sur. Dec. 8, 1879	
87	St. Louis	St. Louis	Feb. 21,1873	Jan. 21,1874		
88	Lovell Moore	Rockford	Mar. 3,1873	Jan. 21,1874		
89	Owosso	Owosso	April 1,1873	Jan. 21,1874		
90	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	May 8, 1873	Jan. 21,1874		
91	Lapeer	Lapeer	Sept. 20,1873	Jan. 21,1874		
92	Ludington	Ludington	None	Jan. 21,1874		
93	Birmingham	Birmingham	Jan. 21,1874	Jan. 21,1874		
94	Oxford	Oxford	Nov. 26,1874	Jan. 20,1875		
95	Lawrence	Lawrence	None	Jan. 20,1875		
96	Caro	Caro	July 9,1875	Jan. 19,1876		
97	Evart	Evart	Dec. 14,1875	Jan. 19,1876		
98	Grass Lake	Grass Lake	None	Jan. 19,1876		
99	Phoenix	Hudson	April 17,1876	Jan. 17,1877		
100	Leslie	Leslie	June 12,1876	Jan. 17,1877		
101	Blissfield	Blissfield	None	Jan. 17,1877		
UD	Port Austin	Port Austin	Feb. 13,1875	Not Char'r'd.	Nov. 22, 1877	Disp. Surrendered.
102	Traverse City	Traverse City	May 22,1875	Jan. 16,1878		
103	Cadillac	Cadillac	Aug. 1,1878	Jan. 22,1879		
104	Emmet	Petoskey	Feb. 25,1880	Jan. 19,1881		
105	Bangor	Bangor	None	Jan. 19,1881		
106	Kent	Sparta	None	Jan. 18,1882		
107	Menominee	Menominee	Mar. 21,1882	Jan. 17,1883		
108	Negaunee	Negaunee	Oct. 11,1882	Jan. 17,1883		
109	Cheboygan	Cheboygan	Nov. 21,1882	Jan. 17,1883		
110	Stanton	Stanton	Nov. 29,1882	Jan. 17,1883		
111	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant	April 2,1883	Jan. 16,1884		
112	Reed City	Reed City	July 14,1883	Jan. 16,1884		
113	Ovid	Ovid	None	Jan. 16,1884		
114	Frankfort	Frankfort	Nov. 30,1883	Jan. 21,1885		
115	Quincy	Quincy	April 14,1885	Jan. 20,1886		
116	Flint Rapids	Flushing	Aug. 26,1885	Jan. 20,1886		
117	Williamston	Williamston	Nov. 16,1885	Jan. 19,1887		
118	Delta	Escanaba	June 22,1886	Jan. 19,1887		
119	Gaylord	Gaylord	Feb. 4,1887	Jan. 18,1888		Burned.
120	Grayling	Grayling	July 6,1887	Jan. 18,1888		
121	Iron Mountain	Iron Mountain	Jan. 19,1888	Jan. 16,1889		
122	Minerva	Bessemer	Mar. 13,1888	Jan. 16,1889		
123	Alma	Alma	None	Jan. 16,1889		
124	Marcellus	Marcellus	Jan. 13,1889	Jan. 22,1891		
125	Lebanon	Bad Axe	June 11,1889	Jan. 21,1891		
126	Sault Ste. Marie	Sault Ste. Marie	None	Jan. 21,1891		
127	Manistique	Manistique	Feb. 24,1891	Jan. 20,1892		
128	Sam Ward	Marine City	Mar. 5,1891	Jan. 20,1892		
129	Crystal Falls	Crystal Falls	Sept. 4,1891	Jan. 20,1892		
130	Homer	Homer	Mar. 12,1892	Jan. 18,1893		
131	Fremont	Fremont	April 7,1893	Jan. 17,1894		

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132	Columbian	Grand Rapids	July 7,1893	Jan. 17,1894		
133	King Cyrus	Detroit	Jan. 2,1894	Jan. 17,1894		
134	Mackinac	St. Ignace	Feb. 20,1895	Jan. 20,1897		
135	Wyandotte	Wyandottte	Mar. 18,1896	Jan. 20,1897		
136	Bay City	Bay City	None	Jan. 20,1897		Burned May 19, 1903
137	Rochester	Rochester	Jan. 20,1897	Jan. 19,1899		
138	North Branch	North Branch	1898	Jan. 18,1899		
139	Durand	Durand	April 19,1899	Jan. 17,1900		
140	Olive	Chelsea	None	Jan. 17,1900		
UD	Central Lake	Central Lake	Nov. 30,1900	Refused		
141	Charlevoix	Charlevoix	Nov. 30,1900	Jan. 16,1901		
142	Bellaire	Bellaire	Nov. 30,1900	Jan. 16,1901		
143	Holland	Holland	Sept. 18,1901	Jan. 22,1902		
144	Springport	Springport	Mar. 4,1902	Jan. 21,1903		
145	Sanilac	Sanilac Centre	Aug. 25,1902	Jan. 21,1903		Now Sandusky.
146	Athens	Athens	April 15,1903	Jan. 20,1904		
147	Farwell	Farwell	Jan. 15,1905	May 16,1906		
148	Hart	Hart	May 3,1907	May 20,1908		
149	Plainwell	Plainwell	June 12,1907	May 20,1908		
150	York	Milan	Jan. 21,1908	May 20,1908		
151	Morenci	Morenci	July 1,1908	May 19,1909		
152	Ishpeming	Ishpeming	Aug. 13,1908	May 19,1909		
153	Calumet	Calumet	Oct. 31,1908	May 19,1909		
154	Boyne City	Boyne City	June 25,1909	May 18,1910		
155	Vicksburg	Vicksburg	Feb. 12,1910	May 18,1910		

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"No one hears the door that opens
When they pass beyond our call;
Soft as loosened leaves of roses
One by one our loved ones fall."

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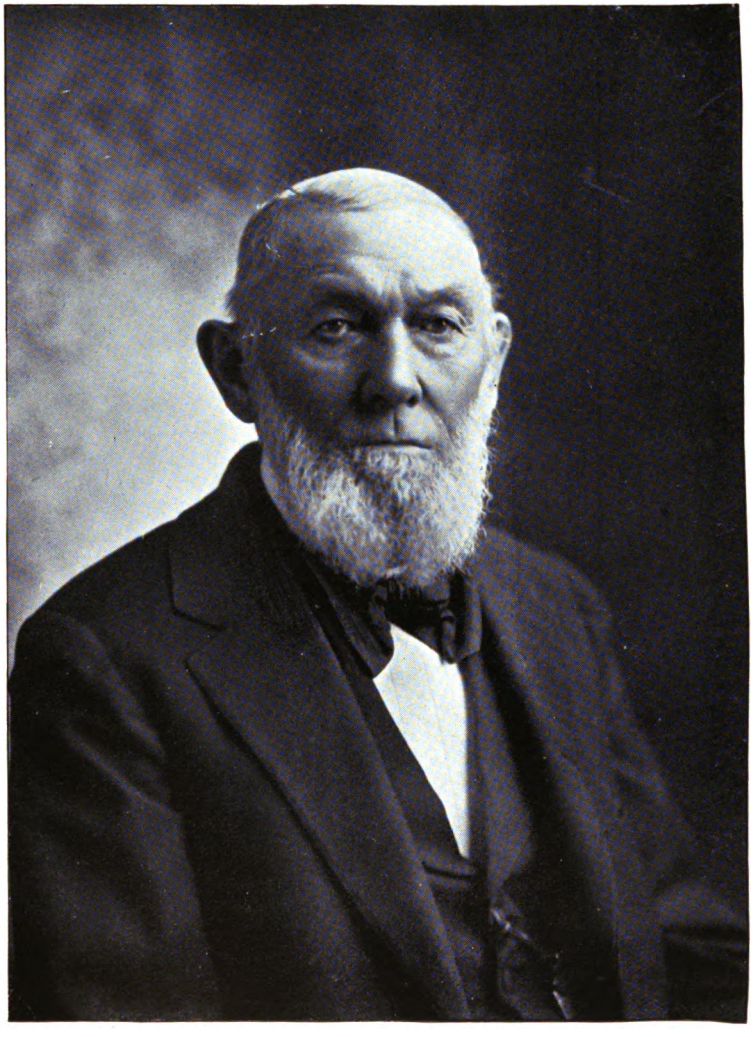

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M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST IN 1862-1863-1864.

Born April 19, 1825 Died March 13, 1910

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In Memoriam

ROBERT WILLIAM SUTHERLAND,
Past Grand High Priest of Alabama.
Died in Mobile, October 11, 1909.

FRANCIS MARION ZUCK,
Past Grand High Priest of Arizona.
Died in Holbrook, June 16, 1909.

JAMES W. NULL,
E. Grand Sentinel of Arkansas.
Died in Little Rock, August 3, 1909.

W. K. RAMSEY,
Past Grand High Priest of Arkansas.
Died in Camded, March 18th, 1910.

JACOB HART NEFF,
Past Grand High Priest of California.
Died in San Francisco, March 26, 1909.

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ADOLPHUS HEWEL,
Past Grand High Priest of California.
Died in Modesto, August 1, 1909.

JAMES L. GOULD,
Past Grand High Priest of Connecticut.
Died in Norwich, January 26, 1909.

JOHN HUGH STEPHENS,
Past Grand High Priest of Florida.
Died in Jacksonville, November 13, 1909.

ALEXANDER MORRILL LAMBDIN,
Past Grand High Priest of Georgia.
Died in Texas, July 6, 1909.

JOHN O'NEILL,
Past Grand High Priest of Illinois.
Died in Chicago, September 25, 1909.

WILLIAM BERRY GRIMES,
Past Grand High Priest of Illinois.
Died in Pittsfield, April 10th, 1910.

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C. STEWART ELLS,
Past Grand High Priest of Iowa.
Died in Grand View, Tennessee, November 1909.

WILLIAM NASH YOUNG,
Past Grand High Priest of Maryland.
Died in Frederick, May 2, 1909.

BAALIS SANFORD,
Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Massachusetts.
Died in Boston, November 16, 1909.

BLINN CONVERSE,
Past Grand High Priest of Minnesota.
Died in St. Paul, March 11th, 1910.

JOHN ALEXANDER BARES JONES,
Past Grand High Priest of Mississippi.
Died January 13, 1910.

CHARLES T. CHAMBERLIN,
Past Grand High Priest of Mississippi.
Died October 20, 1909.

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RUFUS EASTON ANDERSON,
Past Grand High Priest of Missouri.
Died in Palmyra, July 27, 1909.

MICHAEL A. MURPHY,
Past Grand High Priest of Nevada.
Died October 26, 1909.

FRANK DANA WOODBURY,
Grand Secretary of New Hampshire.
Died in Concord, November 19, 1909.

JACOB KIRKNER,
Past Grand High Priest of New Jersey.
Died in Plainfield, December 14, 1909.

FREDERICK GEORGE WIESE,
Past Grand High Priest of New Jersey.
Died in Borentown, March 7th, 1910.

LEONARD WARREN GAMMONS,
Past Grand High Priest of North Dakota.
Died in Minot, December 17, 1909.

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FRANK JARED THOMPSON,
Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
Died in Fargo, February 25th, 1910.

JAMES DEMPSTER,
Past Grand High Priest of Nova Scotia.
Died in Halifax, May 8, 1909.

WILLIAM MOORE CUNNINGHAM,
Past Grand High Priest of Ohio.
Died in Newark, August 16, 1909.

ALEXANDER H. MORGAN,
Past Grand High Priest of Pennsyvania.
Died October 24, 1909.

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Deaths Reported to the Grand Chapter for the Year 1909.

"Like the remembrance of a guest
They tarried but a day."

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Monroe	No.	1	Alex. M. Patterson	Dec. 31-08
"	"		S. E. W. Thornhill	Mar. 13
"	"		Carl L. Brudin	May 11
"	"		John M. McKimmie	July 3
"	"		William Stevens	July 15
"	"		Adolph E. Schlesinger,	July 17
"	"		Conrad Speck, Jr.	July 24
"	"		Thomas Hurst	July 30
"	"		William Wadsworth	Sept. 28
"	"		Thomas P. Jones	Oct. 1
"	"		Alex. G. Alexander	Oct. 15
"	"		Andrew Ferguson	Oct. 17
"	"		John Collins	Apr. 17
"	"		Isaac Colby	May 8-08
"	"		Lincoln R. Meserve	Dec. 7
St. Joseph Valley	No.	2	Frederick Durm	Mar. 18
"	"		Judson A. Peck	Dec. 13
Jackson	No.	3	Henry H. Simmons	Dec. 29-08
"	"		George S. Wilson	Jan. 27
"	"		W. S. O'Brien	Mar. 17
"	"		Howard Leach	Mar. 23
"	"		Edwin K. Damhey	June 9
"	"		David W. Wood	Oct. 28
"	"		Louis A. Sanford	Oct. 18
"	"		Wm. H. Potts	Dec. 7
Lafayette	No.	4	E. Boughton Lusk	Aug. 21
Oakland	No.	5	Thomas C. Bradley	Jan. 17
"	"		William H. Anderson	July 9
"	"		Walter J. Fisher	July 20
"	"		Sylvan TerBush	Nov. 1
"	"		John Harrison	—— —'08
"	"		William H. Dorrance	Jan. 22

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Washtenaw	No.	6...	Eugene J. Koch.....	Apr. 24
"	"		Harrison A. Nichols..	Apr. 30
"	"		Thomas P. Wilson....	June 22
"	"		John Klais.....	Aug. 19
"	"		Samuel Bixby.....	Sept. 27
"	"		Wm. P. Chaffee.....	Dec. 4-05
Grand Rapids	No.	7...	Wm. A. Benson.....	Aug. 14
"	"		Jacob Difenbacker....	Aug. 5
"	"		George Reeder.....	Oct. 5
"	"		Lorenzo D. Stuart....	Jan. 18
"	"		Albert G. Towne.....	Apr. 18
"	"		Laurens W. Wolcott..	Mar. 30
"	"		Alfred Webster.....	Aug. 30
Jonesville	No.	8...	Dewit C. Kies.....	July 10
"	"		Andrew J. Leonard...	Oct. 11
Capital	No.	9...	Oliver T. Allen.....	Jan. 5
"	"		James H. Baker.....	Aug. 3
"	"		Leonard Hermaneau..	Sept. 21
"	"		Herschel B. Lazell...	Sept. 22
"	"		Clarence H. Olds.....	May 10
"	"		Guy M. Dunning.....	Dec. 24
Adrian	No.	10...	Delos M. Baker.....	Feb. 20
"	"		Seymour Howell.....	Nov. 28
"	"		Willis T. Perkins.....	Jan. 31
Centreville	No.	11...	George Yauney.....	Jan. 30
St. Clair	No.	12...	Isaac Hurst	June 30
Kalamazoo	No.	13...	Edwin W. Blair.....	June 15
"	"		William F. Leavitt...	Sept. 27
"	"		George Clark.....	Oct. 11
Ionia	No.	14...	Allen S. Wright.....	Feb. 8
"	"		Wellington S. Bouk..	June 27
Washington	No.	15...	John Charles Moore..	Jan. 13
"	"		Samuel C. Randall....	Mar. 5
"	"		Henry N. Campbell...	Apr. 3
"	"		John McGlinchy.....	June 16
"	"		Adelbert B. Baker....	July 21
"	"		George L. Walker....	Aug. 1
"	"		Lott W. Willett.....	Aug. 23
"	"		Albert F. Monroe....	Aug. 25
"	"		Lyman Murray.....	Nov. 19
Peninsular	No.	16...	Daniel W. Jacoby.....	Dec. 15-08
"	"		Peter E. Parke.....	Dec. 16-08
"	"		William Scott.....	Jan. 24

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Peninsular	No.	16...	John P. Fiske.....	Feb. 10
"	"		Ernest H. Sutherland,	Mar. 3
"	"		Frederick W. Hayes..	Mar. 4
"	"		William H. Brearley..	Mar. 26
"	"		David E. Thomas.....	Apr. 9
"	"		Arthur W. Brookes...	Apr. 17
"	"		William C. Maybury..	May 6
"	"		Joseph Mayworm.....	Aug. 12
"	"		William R. Candler..	Sept. 5
"	"		Charles F. Purdie....	Sept. 6
"	"		Alexander McVittie...	Sept. 15
"	"		William H. Irwin.....	Oct. 4
"	"		Frederick Robbins....	Oct. 8
"	"		Thomas Cottier.....	Oct. 23
"	"		Peter A. Auer.....	Feb. 3-08
"	"		Edward Schaffler.....	Nov. 23
Romeo	No.	17...	Frank W. Dash.....	Apr. 24
"	"		Leslie Miller.....	Aug. 15
"	"		Charles Bennett.....	Apr. 21
Hillsdale	No.	18...	Wm. Fiegle.....	July 18
"	"		Edward T. Moore....	June 14
"	"		Lemuel S. Ranney....	Feb. 8
"	"		Wm. H. Tallman.....	Feb. 18
"	"		Wm. H. VanValor....	Sept. 2
Battle Creek	No.	19...	Robert Binder.....	July 14
"	"		Dwight Calkins.....	June 10
"	"		Charles E. Fleagle....	Nov. 21
"	"		George H. Phillips...	June 3
Temple	No.	21...	Jno. S. Andrews.....	July 29
"	"		Omor C. Bowen.....	Jan. 20
"	"		Fred S. Butterworth..	Feb. 24
"	"		George M. Dumond...	Mar. 24
"	"		A. I. Haynes.....	June 25
River Raisin	No.	22...	George Younglove....	Apr. 3
Salathiel	No.	23...	Lawrence D. Knowles,	Dec. 29
"	"		John Cowling.....	Apr. 25
"	"		Fred A. Place.....	Dec. 24
Eaton Rapids	No.	24...	John M. Corbin.....	June 18
Excelsior	No.	25...	James C. Bemiss.....	Mar. 2
"	"		Edward P. Allen.....	Nov. 25
Huron	No.	27...	Lawrence Sinclair....	Dec. 28-08
"	"		Rudolph P. Anderson,	Mar. 6
"	"		Robert Martin.....	June 6

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Huron	No.	27...	Edward J. Inslee.....	Nov. 2
"	"		Enoch T. Freeman....	Dec. 7
Genesee	No.	29...	Davis Turbush.....	Jan. 31
Saginaw Valley	No.	31...	Robert Langhrey.....	Feb. 2
"	"		Harvey Williams.....	Apr. 22
"	"		Gurdon Corning.....	Apr. 28
"	"		Horace N. Cheeney....	May 10
"	"		Walter C. Britton....	June 9
"	"		George Reid.....	Aug. 17
"	"		Thomas H. Bennett..	Sept. 8
"	"		William L. Webber...	Oct. 19
"	"		Frank A. Hamilton....	Oct. 21
"	"		Walter A. Sanford....	Dec. 17
Albion	No.	32...	John G. Brown.....	Oct. 25
"	"		Michael Keck.....	May. 20
"	"		George McCormick....	Jan. 29
Corunna	No.	33...	Robert Thompson....	Nov. '09
Paw Paw	No.	34...	Wallace W. Crandall..	Mar. 1
Gate of Temple	No.	35...	Griffeth Williams.....	Nov. 9
Keystone	No.	36...	Frank W. Lyle.....	Apr. 5
"	"		Leon R. Lyle.....	June 19
"	"		Clarence L. Sherwood,	Mar. 27
"	"		Milton Gard.....	—— —'09
"	"		Gaylord Cory.....	—— —'09
Mt. Vernon	No.	37...	Frank Lavern Miller..	Sept. 10
Newaygo	No.	38...	James Alexander.....	—— —'09
"	"		Frank A. Basford....	—— —'09
Portland	No.	39...	George W. McCrumb..	Mar. 8
Clinton	No.	40...	John Hanse.....	Sept. 20
Damascus	No.	41...	Isaac Mills.....	May 31
Tecumseh	No.	42...	Davies W. Smith.....	Jan. 23
"	"		George Howell.....	Sept. 14
Marquette	No.	43...	James N. Williams...	Sept. 15
"	"		Gad M. Smith.....	Oct. 3
St. Johns	No.	45...	Thomas H. Green.....	Jan. 19
"	"		Joseph H. Ingall.....	Feb. 26
"	"		Engene King.....	July 30
"	"		Henry Palmer.....	Nov. 3
Muskegon	No.	47...	Robert P. Easton....	Feb. 4
"	"		Hiram J. Hoyt.....	May 17
"	"		Daniel M. James.....	July 26
"	"		William L. Miller....	Nov. 29
Summit	No.	49...	W. Augustus Brown..	Mar. 26

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Ingham	No.	51...	Henry P. Henderson..	June 3
"	"		Alvah B. Rose.....	Oct. 26
Union City	No.	53...	Mark A. Merrifield...	June 20
"	"		Silas H. Nye.....	Oct. 25
"	"		C. Byron Merrifield...	Nov. 10
"	"		Fred R. Whitney.....	Dec. 22
Prairie Ronde	No.	54...	Thomas Griffith.....	Dec. 18
Union	No.	55...	W. O. Allen.....	Mar. 23
"	"		R. M. Johnson.....	Sept. 9
Oceana	No.	56...	I. N. Lewis.....	May 27
"	"		Edwin Nickerson.....	Oct. 15
Bellevue	No.	57...	Chas. Dyer.....	Sept. 5
Blanchard	No.	59...	Thomas Fox.....	Jan. 17
"	"		Elbridge M. Oakes....	Jan. 22
"	"		Alex. B. Wells.....	Jan. 4
"	"		John G. Clarkson.....	Feb. 4
"	"		James F. Ewing.....	Mar. 16
"	"		James S. Meilstrup...	Mar. 30
"	"		Frank P. Young.....	May 9
"	"		Dorr F. Kinney.....	May 1
"	"		Daniel A. Marshall...	June 9
"	"		Freeman Rundell.....	June 9
"	"		John S. McNiel.....	July 24
"	"		Matthew Lamont.....	Dec. 6
"	"		John M. Ketton.....	Dec. 14
"	"		Elias H. Lieberthal..	Nov. 29
Lyons	No.	60...	Henry H. Hitchcock..	Aug. 29
Constantine	No.	62...	Marcus Bailey.....	—— —'09
Joppa	No.	63...	Wm. S. Little.....	Jan. 23
"	"		Chas. A. Rust.....	Feb. 11
"	"		John Q. Anderson....	July 21
"	"		Alexander E. Lyon...	Sept. 8
"	"		Nathan Nathan.....	Sept. 24
"	"		Chas. L. Benjamin....	Nov. 19
Manistee	No.	65...	Charles Gnewich.....	Aug. 25
"	"		Ernest N. Salling....	July 26
Stafford	No.	66...	George Kelly.....	June 14
"	"		William E. Rice.....	Mar. 26
Hastings	No.	68...	William H. Severance,	June 18
"	"		Charles N. Snyder....	Sept. 5
Mt. Clemens	No.	69...	Alfred H. Kent.....	Nov. 13
Ithaca	No.	70...	Edward F. Doty.....	Jan. 14
"	"		Henry C. Hill.....	Jan. 19

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Ithaca	No.	70...	Wolf Netzorg.....	May 18
"	"		Samuel Wheeler.....	July 20
Calvin Britian	No.	72...	Lawrence C. Fyfe....	Nov. 15
"	"		Harry Stone.....	Dec. 15
"	"		E. C. Wimer.....	—— —'09
"	"		C. B. Bury.....	Jan. 11
"	"		W. L. Bruce.....	—— —
"	"		L. Sutherland.....	Dec. 10
"	"		J. C. Bostick.....	—— —
Hooker	No.	73...	Sylvester S. Brown...	Oct. 18
"	"		S. S. Manley.....	Dec. 25
"	"		Charles Quick.....	Dec. 26
Almont	No.	76...	Abel H. Kittridge....	Dec. 25
Kingsbury	No.	78...	Levi J. Reynolds.....	July 10
"	"		George F. Silver.....	Nov. 20
Greenville	No.	79...	John E. Segler.....	July 7
"	"		L. C. Fales.....	Dec. 13
"	"		George Light.....	Dec. 13
Colon	No.	81...	John C. Kinne.....	Apr. 25
"	"		Nelson C. Spalsburry,	June 2
Charlotte	No.	82...	Homer G. Barber....	Mar. 10
"	"		William I. Moyer....	Mar. 26
"	"		Henry A. Moyer.....	Mar. 30
Iosco	No.	83...	Albert Nesbit.....	June 15
"	"		George L. Cornville...	Oct. 26
Corinthian	No.	84...	James Barnes.....	May 18
Grand Ledge	No.	85...	Elijah Bowen.....	May 15
"	"		Levi Partlow, Sr.....	Feb. 7
Owosso	No.	89...	Byron S. Knapp....	Aug. 21
"	"		Albert West.....	July 10
"	"		Harvey L. Osborn....	Oct. 28
Brooklyn	No.	90...	Richard French.....	Mar. 31
Lapeer	No.	91...	Almond B. West.....	—— —
"	"		Daniel Wadsworth....	Jan. 12
"	"		George H. Henderson,	Aug. 12
"	"		Lord W. Hurman.....	July 26
"	"		James H. Vincent....	Dec. 21
Ludington	No.	92...	Frank Chaurez.....	Aug. 7
"	"		Adam Drach.....	Nov. 3
"	"		Leartus J. Brown....	Apr. 2-07
Birmingham	No.	93...	Julian A. Buel.....	Feb. 2
"	"		William C. Richardson,	July 5
Oxford	No.	94...	Myron Johnson.....	Mar. 2

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Oxford	No.	94	Harry S. Elliott	June 30
"	"		William Aitcheson	Jan. 10
Lawrence	No.	95	Judson J. Moses	May 17
"	"		Ezra A. Palmer	Sept. 17
Caro	No.	96	Carl Portuis	July 21
"	"		Fred C. Townsend	Jan. 16
Evart	No.	97	Dan L. Dumon	June 18
Grass Lake	No.	98	Arthur P. Crafts	Apr. 25
"	"		Henry Hines	Dec. 24
Leslie	No.	100	James Blair	May 3
"	"		Adelbert O. Dubois	May 22
"	"		John A. Landfair	Sept. 25
Blissfield	No.	101	Delos Depue	July 20
"	"		Albert B. Hickok	Aug. 19
"	"		Andrew Krapf	Jan. 31
Traverse City	No.	102	Isaac A. Thompson	Feb. 3
Cadillac	No.	103	James C. Felton	Mar. 23
"	"		Lucius C. Freeman	Aug. 2
Emmet	No.	104	John Swain	—— —'09
"	"		F. Mason Baker	Oct. 31
Bangor	No.	105	Alvin Chapman	Feb. 16
"	"		Mark Remington	Sept. 6
Kent	No.	106	Noah P. Farles	Apr. 3
Menominee	No.	107	Wm. Henry Nugent	Dec. 24
"	"		Fred L. BeDell	Mar 24
"	"		Josiah R. Brooks	Dec. 2
Stanton	No.	110	Jacob G. Summers	Dec. 16
Reed City	No.	112	Frank E. Jersey	July 10
"	"		Henry C. Stoddard	April —
Frankfort	No.	114	Henry Hanrath	Dec. 26-08
"	"		N. Augustus Parker	Apr. 27
Quincy	No.	115	Ambrose Lampman	Jan. 10
"	"		George P. Comstock	Dec. 2
Flint Rapids	No.	116	Thomas Morrish	Mar. 16
"	"		Ervin Cady	Feb 25
Delta	No.	118	John Ohstram	Feb. 1
"	"		Ole Erichson	July 24
"	"		Robert F. Forsyth	Sept. 11
"	"		William J. Laird	Nov. 15
Gaylord	No.	119	Frank Gibbs	June 12
Minerva	No.	122	John G. Durkee	Sept. 20
"	"		Talbos B. Hartley	Aug. —
"	"		Herman T. Jahn	Sept. 4

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Minerva	No. 122...	John R. Moore.....	Nov. 14
"	"	Louis H. Truettner...	July 18
Marcellus	No. 124...	Warren O. Matthews...	May 5
Sault Ste. Marie	No. 126...	Alexander McDonald..	Dec. 6
Sam Ward	No. 128...	Jule A. Ward.....	Apr. 8
Columbian	No. 132...	W. Arthur Stowe	Feb. 8
"	"	R. B. Loveland.....	May 27
King Cyrus	No. 133...	Almon H. Demrick....	May 2
"	"	John J. Robinson....	June 26
"	"	Harry C. Ackerley....	July 3
"	"	Harrison H. Veazie...	July 31
"	"	J. Ernest Warren....	Dec. 26
Mackinac	No. 134...	James S. Thompson...	Dec. 1
Wyandotte	No. 135...	Arza O. Osborn.....	July 1
Rochester	No. 137...	Charles E. Hadden...	Jan. 27
Durand	No. 139...	Martin V. Russell....	Jan. 10
Athens	No. 146...	Frederick O. Hutchins,	Mar. 14
Hart	No. 148...	W. J. McRae.....	May 4
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ALLEGAN

No.	Name.	Location
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149	Plainwell	Plainwell

ALPENA

74	Thunder Bay	Alpena

ANTRIM

143	Bellaire	Bellaire

BARRY

68	Hastings	Hastings

BAY

59	Blanchard	Bay City
136	Bay City	Bay City

BENZIE

114	Frankfort	Frankfort

BERRIEN

2	St. Joseph Valley	Niles
92	Calvin Britain	St. Joseph

BRANCH

21	Temple	Coldwater
46	Siroc	Bronson
53	Union City	Union City
115	Quincy	Quincy

CASS

36	Keystone	Dowagiac
78	Kingsbury	Cassopolis
124	Marcellus	Marcellus

CALHOUN

4	Lafayette	Marshall
19	Battle Creek	Battle Creek
32	Albion	Albion
130	Homer	Homer
146	Athens	Athens

CHARLEVOIX

141	Charlevoix	Charlevoix
154	Boyne City	Boyne City

CHEBOYGAN

109	Cheboygan	Cheboygan

CHIPPEWA

126	Sault Ste. Marie	Sault Ste. Marie

CLARE

147	Farwell	Farwell

CLINTON

45	St. Johns	St. Johns
113	Ovid	Ovid

CRAWFORD

120	Grayling	Grayling

DELTA

118	Delta	Escanaba

DICKINSON

121	Iron Mountain	Iron Mt.

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EATON

No.	Name.	Location
24	Eaton Rapids	Eaton R'ds
57	Bellevue	Bellevue
82	Charlotte	Charlotte
85	Grand Ledge	Gd. Ledge

EMMET

104	Emmet	Petoskey

GENESEE

15	Washington	Flint
29	Genesee	Fenton
116	Flint Rapids	Flushing

GRAND TRAVERSE

102	Traverse City	Trav. City

GOGEBIC

122	Minerva	Bessemer

GRATIOT

70	Ithaca	Ithaca
87	St. Louis	St. Louis
123	Alma	Alma

HILLSDALE

8	Jonesville	Jonesville
18	Hillsdale	Hillsdale
49	Summit	Reading

HOUGHTON

35	Gate of Temple	Hancock
153	Calumet	Calumet

HURON

66	Stafford	Harbor Beach
125	Lebanon	Bad Axe

INGHAM

9	Capital	Lansing
75	Ingham	Mason
100	Leslie	Leslie
117	Williamston	Williamston

IONIA

14	Ionia	Ionia
39	Portland	Portland
60	Lyons	Lyons

IOSCO

83	Iosco	Au Sable

IRON

129	Crystal Falls	Crystal Falls

ISABELLA

111	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant

JACKSON

3	Jackson	Jackson
90	Brooklyn	Brooklyn
98	Grass Lake	Grass Lake
144	Springport	Springport

KALAMAZOO

13	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
45	Prairie Ronde	Schoolcraft
76	Galesburg	Galesburg
155	Vicksburg	Vicksburg

KENT

7	Grand Rapids	Gd. Rapids
73	Hooker	Lowell
88	Lovell Moore	Rockford
106	Kent	Sparta
132	Columbian	Grand Rapids

LAPEER

76	Almont	Almont
91	Lapeer	Lapeer
138	North Branch	N. Branch

LENAWEE

10	Adrian	Adrian
40	Clinton	Clinton
42	Tecumseh	Tecumseh
99	Phoenix	Hudson
101	Blissfield	Blissfield
151	Morenci	Morenci

LIVINGSTON

30	Livingston	Howell

MACOMB

17	Romeo	Romeo
69	Mt. Clemens	Mt. Clemens

MACKINAC

134	Mackinac	St. Ignace

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MANISTEE

No.	Name.	Location
65	Manistee	Manistee

MASON

92	Ludington	Ludington

MARQUETTE

43	Marquette	Marquette
108	Negaunee	Negaunee
152	Ishpeming	Ishpeming

MECOSTA

52	Big Rapids	Big Rapids

MONROE

22	River Raisin	Monroe
37	Mt. Vernon	Dundee

MONTCALM

79	Greenville	Greenville
110	Stanton	Stanton

MENOMINEE

107	Menominee	Menominee

MUSKEGON

47	Muskegon	Muskegon

NEWAYGO

38	Newaygo	Newaygo
131	Fremont	Fremont

OAKLAND

5	Oakland	Pontiac
71	Milford	Milford
80	Holly	Holly
93	Birmingham,	Birmingham
94	Oxford	Oxford
137	Rochester	Rochester

OCEANA

56	Oceana	Pentwater
148	Hart	Hart

ONTONAGON

20	Ontonagon	Ontonagon

OSCEOLA

97	Evart	Evart
112	Reed City	Reed City

OTSEGO

119	Gaylord	Gaylord

OTTAWA

84	Corinthian	Grand Haven
143	Holland	Holland

SAGINAW

31	Saginaw Valley	Saginaw
63	Joppa	Saginaw
67	Chesaning	Chesaning

SANILAC

41	Damascus	Lexington
145	Sanilac	Sandusky

SCHOOLCRAFT

127	Manistique	Manistique

SHIAWASSEE

33	Corunna	Corunna
79	Owosso	Owosso
139	Durand	Durand

ST. CLAIR

12	St. Clair	St. Clair
27	Huron	Port Huron
128	Sam Ward	Marine City

ST. JOSEPH

11	Centreville	Centreville
23	Salathiel	Three Rivers
26	Sturgis	Sturgis
62	Constantine	Constantine
81	Colon	Colon

TUSCOLA

96	Caro	Caro

VAN BUREN

34	Paw Paw	Paw Paw
58	South Haven	So. Haven
95	Lawrence	Lawrence
105	Bangor	Bangor

WASHTENAW

6	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor
25	Excelsior	Ypsilanti
48	Meridian	Manchester
140	Chelsea	Chelsea
150	York	Milan

WAYNE

1	Monroe	Detroit
16	Peninsular	Detroit
55	Union	Northville
133	King Cyrus	Detroit
135	Wyandotte	Wyandotte

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103	Cadillac	Cadillac

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Names.	Residence	Year Elected	Year Served	Remarks.
Elisha Smith Lee.	Detroit	1848	3	Died April 12, 1857
Czar Jones.....	Detroit	1851	1	Expelled. Dead
Jeremiah Moors....	Detroit	1852	1	Died July 6, 1854
Michael Shoemaker	Jackson	1853	3	Died Nov. 10, 1895
Wm. L. Greenly...	Adrian	1855	1	Died Nov. 29, 1883
S. C. Coffinbury....	Constantine ...	1857	3	Died Sept. 20, 1889
Wm. P. Innis.....	Grand Rapids..	1860	2	Died Aug. 2, 1893
Benjamin Porter..	Jackson	1862	3	Died March 13, 1910
Ebenezer Sprague..	Battle Creek...	1865	1	Died Jan. 2, 1892
A. B. Cudworth...	Pontiac	1866	1	Died June 26, 1890
John P. Fiske.....	Detroit	1867	1	Died Feb. 17, 1909
George C. Munro...	Jonesville	1868	1	Died Aug. 16, 1883
Wm. L. Webber....	Saginaw	1869	1	Died Oct. 15, 1901
Chas. H. Brown....	Kalamazoo	1870	1	Died July 20, 1897
Hugh McCurdy....	Corunna	1871	1	Died July 16, 1908
Leonard H. Randall	Grand Rapids..	1872	1	Chicago, Illinois
John W. Finch.....	Adrian	1873	1	Died April 4, 1906
Alfred I. Sawyer...	Monroe	1874	1	Died May 7, 1891
John L. Mitchell...	Jackson	1875	1	Died July 10, 1904
Wm. Brown.....	Battle Creek...	1876	1	Died Sept. 23, 1880
Oliver L. Spaulding.	St. Johns.....	1877	1	Now in Washington
Charles J. Kruger..	Grand Rapids..	1878	1	Northfield, Minn.
David C. Spaulding.	Lyons	1879	1	Died July 14, 1904
Samuel H. Norton..	Pontiac	1880	1	Died April 26, 1885
Charles H. Axtell..	Ionia	1881	1	Sus. Now in California
William S. Turck..	Alma	1882	1	.....
George Hill, Jr.....	Portland	1883	1	Dimitted Nov. 5, 1866
Theron F. Giddings	Kalamazoo	1884	1	M. M. Life Ins. Co., Det't
W. Irving Latimer.	Big Rapids.....	1885	1	Now in Washington, D. C.
Daniel Striker.....	Hastings	1886	1	Died April 12, 1898
Eugene P Robertson	Albion	1887	1	.....
Benjamin F. Watts.	Ann Arbor.....	1888	1	Died July 13, 1906
William Wente....	Manistee	1889	1	.....
Wm. G. Hudson...	Ludington	1890	1	.....
Samuel C. Randall.	Flint	1891	1	Died March 5, 1909
John F. Barrows...	Lawrence	1892	1	.....
Charles R. Bagg...	Detroit	1893	1	Died Aug. 17, 1899
James H. Cummins.	Holly	1894	1	Died Oct. 29, 1908
Chas. D. Blanchard.	Marquette	1895	1	.....
Lou B. Winsor.....	Reed City.....	1896	1	.....
Charlie Gay.....	Big Rapids.....	1897	1	.....
Chas. M. Norton....	Lansing	1898	1	.....
Frank N. Clark....	Northville	1899	1	.....
Reuben C. Webb...	Detroit	1900	1	250 Warren ave., West
Wm. F. Denfeld....	Saginaw	1901	1	.....
Chas. L. Stevens...	Ypsilanti	1902	1	Died Jan. 30, 1907
Jeff. S. Conover....	Coldwater	Hon	1	Died April 5, 1903
Horace S. Maynard.	Charlotte	1903	1	.....
Michael B. McGee..	Crystal Falls...	1904	1	
Thomas H. Williams	Jackson	1905	1	.....
Clark E. Spencer...	Port Huron....	1906	1	.....
Charles Cottrell....	Bay City.....	1907	1	.....
M. Earl Brackett...	Petoskey	1908	1	Decatur, Ind.
Geo. W. Armstrong.	Adrian	1909	1	.....
Arthur E. Stevens..	Detroit	1910	1	.....

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1848	‖Czar Jones.....	*Nathaniel Pullman	*John Mullett
1850	*Geo. B. Engle.....	*Ezra Platt.....	.W. N. Choate
1851	*Ezra Platt.....	*Fidus Livermore..	Z. Lewis Webb
1852	*Joseph Sibley.....	*J. C. Wood.....	*A. Murray
1853	*Ezra Platt.....	*W. L. Greenly.....	Z. Lewis Webb
1854	*Wm. L. Greenly....	*Andrew Murray...	*Geo. B. Engle
1855	*S. C. Coffinbury....	*James A. Dyer....	*C. Havens
1856	*H. B. Shank.....	*Frederick Booher.	*Franklin French
1857	*H. B. Shank.....	*Franklin French..	*Frederick Hall
1858	*Frederick Hall.....	*Franklin French..	*C. K. Williams
1859	*Frederick Hall.....	*A. B. Cudworth...	*C. K. Williams
1860	*Benjamin Porter...	*Thos. C. Brownell.	*Francis Darrow
1861	*Benjamin Porter...	*Francis Darrow...	*Ebenezer Sprague
1862	*Francis Darrow....	*Ebenezer Sprague.	*D. Burnham Tracy
1863	*Francis Darrow....	*Ebenezer Sprague.	*D. Burnham Tracy
1864	*Francis Darrow....	*Ebenezer Sprague.	*L. A. Rogers
1865	*A. B. Cudworth....	*Geo. C. Munro....	*John P. Fiske
1866	*Geo. C. Munro.....	*John P. Fiske.....	*Seaman L. Dart
1867	*Seaman L. Dart....	*Wm. L. Webber...	*Chas. H. Brown
1868	*William L. Webber.	*Chas. H. Brown...	*Wm. V. Morrison
1869	*Chas. H. Brown....	*Hugh McCurdy...	L. H. Randall
1870	*Hugh McCurdy.....	L. H. Randall.....	*John W. Finch
1871	L. H. Randall.....	*J. W. Finch.....	*A. I. Sawyer
1872	*John W. Finch,....	*A. I. Sawyer.....	*Jex J. Bardwell
1873	*A. I. Sawyer.....	*Jex J. Bardwell...	*Richard Rowland.
1874	*Jex J. Bardwell....	*John L. Mitchell..	§Charles J. Kruger
1875	*Wm. Brown.....	O. L. Spaulding...	§Charles J. Kruger
1876	Oliver L. Spaulding.	§Charles J. Kruger	*David C. Spaulding
1877	§Charles J. Kruger..	*D. C. Spaulding...	*Samuel H. Norton.
1878	*David C. Spaulding.	*Samuel H. Norton.	†Charles H. Axtell.
1879	*Samuel H. Norton..	†Charles H. Axtell.	Wm. S. Turck
1880	†Charles H. Axtell..	William S. Turck.	§George Hill
1881	William S. Turck...	§George Hill.....	T. F. Giddings
1882	§George Hill.....	Theron F. Giddings	W. Irving Latimer
1883	T. F. Giddings.....	W. Irving Latimer	*Daniel Striker
1884	W. Irving Latimer.	*Daniel Striker....	E. P. Robertson
1885	*Daniel Striker.....	E. P. Robertson...	*Benj. F. Watts
1886	E. P. Robertson....	*Benj. F. Watts....	Wm. Wente
1887	*Benj. F. Watts.....	Wm. Wente.....	Wm. G. Hudson
1888	William Wente....	Wm. G. Hudson...	*Samuel C. Randall
1889	Wm. G. Hudson....	*Samuel C. Randall	John F. Barrows
1890	*Samuel C. Randall..	John F. Barrows..	*Charles R. Bagg
1891	John F. Barrows...	*Chas. R. Bagg....	*James H. Cummins
1892	*Charles R. Bagg...	*J. H. Cummins....	*J. S. Conover
1893	*James H. Cummins.	*J. S. Conover.....	C. D. Blanchard
1894	Chas. D. Blanchard.	Lou B. Winsor....	*Chas. P. Hunt
1895	Lou B. Winsor.....	*Charles P. Hunt..	Charlie Gay
1896	Charlie Gay.....	Charles M. Norton	Frank N. Clark
1897	Chas. M. Norton....	Frank N. Clark...	Reuben C. Webb
1898	Frank N. Clark.....	Reuben C. Webb..	Wm. F. Denfeld
1899	Reuben C. Webb...	Wm. F. Denfeld...	*Chas. L. Stevens
1900	Wm. F. Denfeld....	*Charles L. Stevens	Horace S. Maynard
1901	*Chas. L. Stevens....	Horace S. Maynard	Michael B. McGee
1902	Horace S. Maynard.	Michael B. McGee.	Thos. H. Williams
1903	Michael McGee.....	Thos. H. Williams.	Clark E. Spencer
1904	Thos. H. Williams..	Clark E. Spencer.	Chas. Cottrell
1905	Clark E. Spencer...	Chas. Cottrell....	*Geo. M. Kingsbury
1906	Chas. Cottrell.....	M. Earl Brackett.	Geo. W. Armstrong
1907	M. Earl Brackett...	Geo. W. Armstrong	Arthur E. Stevens
1908	Geo. W. Armstrong.	Arthur E. Stevens.	Elwin F. Brown
1909	Arthur E. Stevens..	Elwin F. Brown	Jas. H. Thompson
1910	Elwin F. Brown....	Jas. ... Thompson..	John H. Kingsley

*Deceased †Suspended ‖Expelled §Dimitted

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Year	Grand Treas.	Grand Sec.	Grand Chap.	Grand Lec.
1848	*N. B. Carpenter...	*Wm. M. Lister....	*Chas. Reighly	.....
1850	" "	*Wm. J. Ives.....	*J. Billings...	.....
1851	" "	" "	*Geo. B. Engle	.....
1852	" "	*A. C. Smith.....	*D. C. Jacokes	.....
1853	*G. C. Munro.....	†R. S. Cheney.....	" "	....
1854	" "	" "	*E. M. Crippen	.....
1855	" "	" "	*F. A. Blades.	.....
1856	*W. H. McOmber....	" "	" "	*S. Blanchard.
1857	" "	" "	*S. S. Brown..	" "
1858	" "	" "	*D. C. Jacokes	" "
1859	" "	" "	" "	" "
1860	" "	*J. E. Johnson.....	David Burns.	" "
1861	" "	" "	*D. B. Tracy..	" "
1862	*R. W. Landon.....	" "	*L. H. Corson.	" "
1863	" "	" "	" "	" "
1864	" "	" "	" "	" "
1865	" "	" "	" "	" "
1866	" "	" "	" "	" "
1867	" "	" "	*William Stowe	" "
1868	" "	" "	" "	*Benj. Porter.
1869	" "	" "	" "	*S. Blanchard.
1870	" "	" "	" "	" "
1871	" "	" "	" "	" "
1872	" "	" "	" "	" "
1873	" "	" "	‖A. J. Davis...	" "
1874	" "	" "	" "	" "
1875	" "	*Wm. P. Innes.....	*William Stowe	*B. F. Doughty
1876	" "	" "	" "	" "
1877	" "	" "	" "	" "
1878	" "	" "	" "	*A. M. Clark..
1879	*H. Shaw Noble....	" "	*B. F. Doughty	" "
1880	" "	" "	*G. D. Mortimer	" "
1881	" "	" "	*F. A. Blades.	" "
1882	" "	" "	" "	E. P. Robertson
1883	" "	" "	" "	*Benj. Porter.
1884	" "	" "	" "	" "
1885	" "	" "	" "	" "
1886	" "	" "	" "	" "
1887	" "	" "	" "	" "
1888	" "	" "	" "	*A. M. Clark..
1889	" "	" "	" "	" "
1890	" "	" "	" "	" "
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1894	" "	*J. S. Conover.....	" "	" "
1895	E. M. Newell.....	" "	" "	" "
1896	" "	" "	" "	*L. C. Goodrich
1897	" "	" "	" "	" "
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1903	" "	" "	" "	" "
1904	" "	Chas. A. Conover...	" "	" "
1905	" "	" "	" "	" "
1906	" "	" "	John Claflin..	H. S. Maynard.
1907	" "	" "	" "	" "
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1909	" "	" "	" "	" "
1910	" "	" "	" "	" "

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Ye'r	Grand Captain of Host	Grand Principal Sojourner	Grand Royal Arch Captain
....	Not filled	prior to 1856	.....
1856	Joseph M. Crocker..	.....	*R. W. Landon
1857	*S. B. Brown.....	.....	*R. W. Landon
1858	*John Clancy.....	.....	*T. C. Brownell
1859	*John Clancy.....	.....	*E. A. Brown
1860	*Ebenezer Sprague..	*George Kimmell..	A. J. Cummings
1861	Palmer H. Taylor..	Richard Rowe....	A. J. Cummings
1862	A. J. Cummings....	Richard Rowe....	*Seaman L. Dart
1863	A. J. Cummings....	*Seaman L. Dart...	L. A. Rogers
1864	William F. King...	.....	*A. B. Cudworth
1865	*Seaman L. Dart....	.....	*Charles H. Brown
1866	*Charles H. Brown..	.....	Palmer H. Taylor
1867	Palmer H. Taylor...	.....	*John Cowling
1868	*John W. Finch.....	.....	1George W. Wilmot
1869	*John W. Finch.....	*A. I. Sawyer.....	1George W. Wilmot
1870	*A. I. Sawyer.....	1George W. Wilmot	*Jex J. Bardwell
1871	1George W. Wilmot.	*Jex J. Bardwell...	‖Charles J. Kruger
1872	*Richard Rowland..	‖Charles J. Kruger.	Liberty H. Bailey
1873	‖Charles J. Kruger..	Liberty H. Bailey	*D. C. Spaulding
1874	Liberty H. Bailey..	*D. C. Spaulding...	*Edwin M. Doane
1875	*D. C. Spaulding....	*Samuel H. Norton.	*Charles R. Bagg
1876	*Samuel H. Norton..	†Charles H. Axtell.	*David Bovee
1877	†Charles H. Axtell..	*David Bovee.....	*C. W. Strait
1878	*David Bovee.....	*C. W. Strait.....	*R. H. Morrison
1879	§George Hill.....	T. F. Giddings....	*Alfred J. Foster
1880	T. F. Giddings.....	*David Bovee.....	W. Irving Latimer
1881	W. Irving Latimer.	*Daniel Striker....	*Henry M. Zekind
1882	*Daniel Striker.....	*Henry M. Zekind..	*Benjamin F. Watts
1883	E. P. Robertson....	*Benjamin F. Watts	William Wente
1884	*Benjamin F. Watts.	William Wente...	William G. Hudson
1885	William Wente.....	William G. Hudson	*Samuel C. Randall
1886	William G. Hudson.	*Samuel C. Randall	John F. Barrows
1887	*Samuel C. Randall..	John F. Barrows..	*Charles R. Bagg
1888	John F. Barrows...	*Chas. R. Bagg....	*James H. Cummins
1889	*Chas. R Bagg.....	*James H. Cummins	*Jeff. S. Conover
1890	*James H. Cummins.	*Jeff. S. Conover...	C. D. Blanchard
1891	*Jeff. S. Conover.....	C. D. Blanchard...	Lou B. Winsor
1892	C. D. Blanchard....	Lou B. Winsor....	*Charles P. Hunt
1893	Lou B. Winsor.....	*Chas. P. Hunt	Charlie Gay
1894	Charlie Gay.....	Charles M. Norton	Frank N. Clark
1895	Charles M. Norton..	Frank N. Clark...	Reuben C. Webb
1896	Reuben C. Webb....	William F. Denfeld	*Charles L. Stevens
1897	William F. Denfeld.	*Charles L. Stevens	H. S. Maynard
1898	*Charles L. Stevens..	H. S. Maynard....	‖John W. Burk
1899	Horace S. Maynard.	Michael B. McGee.	Thos. H. Williams
1900	Michael B. McGee..	Thos. H. Williams.	Clark E. Spencer
1901	Thos. H. Williams..	Clark E. Spencer..	Charles Cottrell
1902	Clark E. Spencer...	Charles Cottrell...	*G. M. Kingsbury
1903	Charles Cottrell....	*G. M. Kingsbury..	M. Earl Brackett
1904	*Geo. M. Kingsbury.	M. Earl Brackett..	Geo. W. Armstrong
1905	M. Earl Brackett...	Geo. W. Armstrong	Arthur E. Stevens
1906	Arthur E. Stevens..	Elwin F. Brown..	Jas. H. Thompson
1907	Elwin F. Brown....	Jas. H. Thompson	J. Ham. Kingsley
1908	Jas. H. Thompson..	J. Ham. Kingsley.	Wm. W. Watts
1909	J. H. Kingsley.....	Wm. W. Watts....	Albert J. Young
1910	Wm. W. Watts.....	Albert J. Young.	Robert H. Hunt

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Ye'r	Grand Master Third Veil	Grand Master Second Veil	Grand Master First Veil
....	Not filled	prior to 1861	.....
1861	*Joseph Clark.....	*B. F. Doughty....	*A. B. Cudworth
1862	Palmer H. Taylor..	*John Cowling.....	‖Chas. A. Wisemore
1863	Palmer H. Taylor..	*G. W. Lyon.....	E. W. Harris
....	Not filled	until 1869	.....
1869	J. S. Hudson.....	*Jex J. Bardwell...	.....
1870	‖Charles J. Kruger..	Abner Randall....	§Nathan Manley
1871	†Joseph Ireland.....	Edwin Saunders..	*David C. Spaulding
1872	Edward Saunders..	*David C. Spaulding	*Edwin M. Doane
1873	*Edwin M. Doane...	§Thomas Rix.....	*Samuel H. Norton
1874	§Thomas Rix.....	*Samuel H. Norton.	§Chas. F. Bock
1875	§Charles F. Bock....	George W. Beiber.	A. H. Church
1876	*C. W. Strait.....	*R. H. Morrison....	Charles E. Olney
1877	*R. H. Morrison.....	Theron F. Giddings	John F. Hicks
1878	Theron F. Giddings.	John F. Hicks....	W. Irving Latimer
1879	W. Irving Latimer..	*H. M. Zekind.....	*Benjamin F. Watts
1880	*H. M. Zekind.....	*Benjamin F. Watts	William Wente
1881	*Benjamin F. Watts.	William Wente....	William G. Hudson
1882	William Wente.....	William G. Hudson	*Samuel C. Randall
1883	William G. Hudson.	*Samuel C. Randall	John F. Barrows.
1884	*Samuel C. Randall..	John F. Barrows..	*Charles R. Bagg
1885	John F. Barrows...	*Chas. R. Bagg....	*James H. Cummins
1886	*Charles R. Bagg....	*James H. Cummins	*Jeff. S. Conover...
1887	*James H. Cummins.	*J. S. Conover.....	Chas. D. Blanchard
1888	*J. S. Conover.....	C. D. Blanchard...	*Norris J. Frink
1889	Chas. D. Blanchard.	*Norris J. Frink...	Lou B. Winsor
1890	*Norris J. Frink.....	Lou B. Winsor....	*Parm S. DeGraff
1891	Charles P. Hunt....	Charlie Gay.....	Charles M. Norton
1892	Charlie Gay.....	Charles M. Norton	Frank N. Clark
1893	Charles M. Norton..	Frank N. Clark...	Reuben C. Webb
1894	Reuben C. Webb....	William F. Denfeld	*Charles L. Stevens
1895	William F. Denfeld.	*Charles L. Stevens	Horace S. Maynard
1896	Horace S. Maynard.	‖John W. Burk....	Michael B. McGee.
1897	‖John W. Burk.....	Michael B. McGee.	Thos. H. Williams.
1898	Michael B. McGee...	Thos. H. Williams.	Clark E. Spencer..
1899	Clark E. Spencer...	Charles Cottrell..	*Job T. Campbell..
1900	Charles Cottrell....	*Geo. M. Kingsbury	M. Earl Brackett
1901	*G. M. Kingsbury...	M. Earl Brackett..	Geo. W. Armstrong
1902	M. Earl Brackett...	G. W. Armstrong.	Arthur E. Stevens
1903	G. W. Armstrong...	Arthur E. Stevens	Elwin F. Brown
1904	Arthur E. Stevens..	Elwin F. Brown..	Jas. H. Thompson.
1905	Elwin F. Brown....	James H. Thompson	John H. Kingsley
1906	John H. Kingsley...	Wm. W. Watts....	Albert J. Young
1907	Wm. W. Watts.....	Albert J. Young..	Robert H. Hunt
1908	Albert J. Young....	Robert H. Hunt..	Elmer S. Atherton
1909	Robert H. Hunt.....	Elmer S. Atherton	Walter H. Booth
1910	Elmer S. Atherton...	Walter H. Booth...	Geo. W. Leedle

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GRAND SENTINEL

*Senica Caswell, 1848 to 1852
*D. Thompson, 1853
*L. Thompson, 1854
*Charles D. Howard, 1858
*William V. Griffith, 1866 to 1882
*Alexander McGregor, 1883 to 1896
James F. McGregor, 1897 to ——

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OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIRTY-FIFTH TRIENNIAL CONVOCATION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SEPT. 11, 1912

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George E. Corson, Washinton, D. C., General Grand King.
Frederick W. Craig, Des Moines, Iowa, General Grand Scribe.
John M. Carter, Baltimore, Md., General Grand Treasurer.
Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, N. Y., General Grand Secretary.
William F. Kuhn, Kansas City, Mo., General Grand Captain of Host.
Bestor G. Brown, Topeka, Kansas, General Grand Principal Sojourner.
Charles N. Rix, Hot Springs, Ark., General Grand Royal Arch Captain.
J. Albert Blake, Boston, Mass., General Grand Master 3rd Veil.
Henry Banks, LaGrange, Georgia, General Grand Master 2nd Veil.
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of High Priesthood

Lansing, Mich., May 17, 1910. A. Beo. 3828.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of the State and Jurisdiction of Michigan was convened in fiftieth Annual Convocation and opened in AMPLE FORM, in the Masonic Temple, at 7:30 P. M., with the following officers present:

M. E. Grand President..... TRAVERS PHILLIPS.
E. Grand Vice President..... JOHN NICHOL.
E. Grand Chaplain ..... DALLAS D. ALTON.
E. Grand Treasurer ..... EMERSON M. NEWELL.
E. Grand Recorder ..... ARTHUR S. HUDSON.
E. Grand Master of Ceremonies. GEORGE C. MONROE
E. Grand Conductor ..... DAVID WOODWARD.
E. Grand Herald ..... WM. H. VAN IDERSTINE.
E. Grand Steward ..... ARTHUR H. McCLOUD.
Grand Sentinel..... JAS. F. McGREGOR.

PETITIONS.

The Grand Recorder presented the following petitions for the Order:

Harry J. Kerley, Manistee Chapter No. 55; Geo. E. Andrews, Bay City Chapter No. 136; Howard Pett, Big Rapids Chapter No. 52; Wm. C. Hacker, Mt. Clemens Chapter No. 69; Alexander J. McRae, Battle Creek Chapter No. 19; John H. Chase, Capital Chapter No. 9; Charles E. Day, Union City Chapter No. 53; Arthur Hazleton Owen, Manistique Chapter No. 127; Herman Addison Holden, Marquette Chapter No. 43.

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After due examination of the Masonic qualifications of the applicants a ballot was had and all were declared duly elected. The above named Excellent Companions were then admitted and separately set apart, anointed, and solemnly consecrated to the Office of High Priesthood, in Ancient and Ample Form.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The minutes of the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Council were read and approved.

The Grand Recorder submitted his annual report, which was accepted and adopted.

On motion the Grand Council directed that the M. E. Grand President and E. Grand Recorder be each paid $10.00 and the Grand Sentinel $5.00 for services and expenses.

Announcement was made that after the adjournment of the Grand Council a banquet would be tendered by the Lansing Companions to the members in attendance at the Grand Bodies.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

M. E. Grand President.. TRAVERS PHILLIPS, Hastings.
E. Grand Vice President. JOHN NICHOL, Ionia.
E. Grand Chaplain ..... DALLAS D. ALTON, Fremont.
E. Grand Treasurer .... EMERSON M. NEWELL, Fenton.
E. Grand Recorder .... ARTHUR S. HUDSON, Mt. Clemens.
E. Grand Master of Cer.. GEO. C. MONROE, South Haven.
E. Grand Conductor ... DAVID WOODWARD, Clinton.
E. Grand Herald ..... WM. H. VAN IDERSTINE, Marquette.
E. Grand Steward ..... ARTHUR H. McCLOUD, Detroit.
Grand Sentinel..... JAS. F. McGREGOR, Detroit.

A general discussion relative to the promotion of interest in the Order followed and the Grand Recorder was authorized to procure certain additional paraphernalia for the more appropriate rendering of the degree.

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CLOSING.

No further business appearing for the welfare of the Order, the Grand Council was closed in peace and concord, in AMPLE FORM, at 9:30 o'clock.

TRAVERS PHILLIPS,
M. E. Grand President.

Attest:

ARTHUR S. HUDSON,
E. Grand Recorder.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

Lansing, Mich., May 17, 1910.

	Dr.
Amount on hand at close of last Annual Convocation (May 18, 1910)	$ 57.78
May 17, 1910, received fees from nine candidates	45.00
	$102.78

	Cr.
Paid Grand Officers, per order	$ 25.00
Publishing Proceedings of 19009 Convocation	10.00
Paid David Woodward for refreshments, per order	50
Paid Travers Phillips for printing, per order	1.00
Carriage of Recorder's trunk	.50
Masonic Bibles (including express and exchange)	14.65
	$ 51.65
Total Dr.	$102.78
Total Cr.	51.65
Balance on hand	$ 51.13

Of the above balance $47.28 is at date in the custody of the Grand Treasurer and $3.85 in the hands of the Grand Recorder.

ARTHUR S. HUDSON,
Grand Recorder.

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ANNUAL REVIEW

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Annual Review

OF

CAPITULAR MASONRY

DIGEST FROM THE PRINTED PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

PREPARED BY

CHARLES A. CONOVER, Grand Secretary.

Introduction

To all Royal Arch Masons who are interested:

Without any extended introduction on my part I will at once proceed to lay before you the results of days and nights of reading and reviewing in an effort to serve up to you the choice sayings of the leading Capitular Masons of this country, together with a review of the legislation, both proposed and enacted, as found in the printed proceedings of our corresponding Jurisdictions.

I have tried to invent some method by which these annual reviews could be read by a larger number of the craft, for I am not persuaded that they do not care for it, but the difficulty seems to be to get the proceedings into their hands. By reference to the information tables published it will be seen that there is an increasing number of Chapters which are providing libraries to properly care for the proceedings. If the libraries are so situated that

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the Companions can get at them, then the proceedings become available for reading, but if they are kept under lock and key they might as well be burned up for all the good they will serve in that way. The one copy that might be locked up is the one which should be kept on file by the Secretary for ready reference during meetings. It has been suggested that the reviews of one or two states might be read at each meeting by some competent reader and the information disseminated in that manner.

Well, I will leave the subject for you to consider and will plunge into the review. I have adopted a new heading for each state, getting some of the routine information together.

ALABAMA, 1909

Eigthy-third Annual. MONTGOMERY. December 6th and 7th
60 Chapters. 2948 Members.
JOHN B. CHRISTIAN, Deputy and Acting Grand High Priest.

This Grand Jurisdiction was sorely stricken by the loss by death of their Grand High Priest, Companion Robert Wm. Southerland. Deputy Grand High Priest Christian presided and delivered the annual address. He was unable to be present at the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter, but the Jurisdiction was represented by Grand King Wm. E. Bingham and it is recommended that in the future the expenses of such Grand Officers as are entitled to attend shall be paid by Grand Chapter.

Dispensations were granted for two new Chapters during the year and sixteen dispensations were granted to confer degrees out of statutory time.

A reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter from its organization to 1852 was printed and the Grand High Priest recommends that the reprint be continued from 1853 to 1865 as some of the pamphlets are very rare,

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especially those issued during the civil war. That is the exact situation in Michigan. We have reprinted up to 1860 and proceedings during the years of the civil war are very scarce.

It was decided that a Master Mason who lost one of his feet at the ankle, but who wears a cork foot could not receive the Chapter degrees. No time being specified in the constitution, it is recommended that a time limit be set within which a candidate must present himself for the degrees, and six months was the time adopted. We consider that as about right in Michigan.

They have a fund of $37,000.00 on hand for building a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home. I am glad to see that the widows and orphans are being considered in that Jurisdiction, but what about the dependent Master Masons? What is done with them?

The Grand Chapters of Idaho and Western Australia were duly recognized upon recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence. The Grand Chapter of Scotland, which objected to the recognition of Western Australia, has steadily refused for over three years to give out any information on the subject as to their reasons for objecting to the recognition of that Grand Chapter, consequently other Grand Chapters are becoming disgusted with such methods and many are proceeding to give full recognition to Western Australia. The writer was on the committee of the General Grand Chapter at the Boston triennial which recommended that recognition be withheld by Grand Chapters of its allegiance until "the establishment of amicable relations between the two Grand bodies". The committee further added, "yet with no disrespect to our Australian Companions nor to delay their recognition beyond reason by the Grand Chapter of the Jurisdiction". Many of the committees on correspondence now consider that the delay of Scotland is "beyond reason" and that it was only a matter of pique that has caused her to assume the "dog in the manger" position, so this committee considered that the time has arrived for

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Western Australia to be fully recognized and I concur in their conclusions.

The minimum Chapter fee for the degrees was placed at $20.00, "no part thereof to be refunded unless the petition be rejected."

A special committee compiled a manual of the Chapter. One thousand copies were published to be sold for 75 cents for cloth covers and $1.00 for flexible leather.

During the session the Committee on Work conferred the Royal Arch degree upon a brother, "two Companions acting as substitutes". That would not work in Michigan, as the use of substitutes is prohibited. The conferring of the degrees is also the prerogative of the Chapters and not of the Grand Chapter.

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was ordered purchased and presented to the wife of the last Grand High Priest, which was a very commendable act on the part of the Grand Chapter. Certainly such a jewel would be most highly prized by the wife of a Grand High Priest who had died in office.

An effort was made to create the office of Grand Lecturer at a salary of $1200.00, with traveling expenses paid by all Chapters inspected, but it did not meet with approval on account of the condition of the finances.

That Grand Chapter pays its Grand Treasurer a salary of $100.00; Grand Secretary, $900.00; Correspondence Committee, $100.00.

Michigan failed to make connection with the table of Companion Titcomb and consequently was not reviewed by him.

JOHN B. CHRISTIAN, Uniontown, Grand High Priest.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

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ARIZONA, 1908

8 Chapters. 591 Members.
FRANCIS MARION ZUCK, Grand High Priest.

The portrait of the Grand High Priest is published in the proceedings. The Grand High Priest welcomes the representatives who assembled in the beautiful new temple, which was the first erected in that territory to be devoted to the sole use and benefit of Masonry. He said:

That so many of our Companions are here assembled to assist in the dedication of this beautiful temple is confirmatory evidence of your devotion to this branch of Masonry and to its grand central idea of holiness to the Lord. And my most ardent desire is, that you will be so filled with its spirit, that you may ever realize in a deeper sense of what it is to be entrusted with the safe keeping of the great and sacred name.

He reports the death of their Grand Captain of the Host, Charles David Haney, who died very suddenly.

It seems that the "clandestine bug" has invaded that Jurisdiction and has started in to eat up every thing "green" in sight. He reports his actions in the matter as follows:

On July 8th information from our Grand Secretary that clandestine or a species of bastard Masonry was gaining a foothold in our Jurisdiction, and suggesting that our Keystone be placed on record in compliance with the late session laws of our territory; deeming it to be a wise suggestion, and in view of the injury that might be done our Companions by those not entitled to wear our emblems, I directed that his suggestion be carried into effect, and which his later advice assures me was accomplished at once.

In closing his address he says:

Having passed the three score and ten milestone of life, during the year, I propose to claim a period of cessation from the assiduous labors and activities of life, to which I feel myself fully entitled, and now may the blessing of heaven rest upon you and all regular Masons, may brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement you, now, and evermore.

We congratulate Companion Zuck on the interest and

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energy displayed by a man of his years.

This Grand Chapter has a cash balance in the treasury of about $6.00 per capita.

There is no report on correspondence.

SELIN J. MICHELSON, Phoenix, Grand High Priest.
GEORGE J. ROSKRINGE, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1909

Sixtieth Annual. LITTLE ROCK. November 18th.
84 Chapters. 3921 Members.
J. L. DAVIS, Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Deputy Grand High Priest presided and reports the death during the year of Grand High Priest Reese Bowen Hogins after an illness of several months. Illness prevented his installation until some time after the annual at which he was elected.

Dispensations were issued for new Chapters at Hutting and Crosset.

The Grand High Priest received a report from a special committee appointed to investigate conditions in one of the Chapters and it was found that for some years this Chapter had been conferring the degrees for less than the constitutional fee, in fact no record was found where a fee larger than $5 had been charged and thirty-two Royal Arch Masons had received the degrees. The practice had worked trouble among the members and some had dimited. On receipt of the report the Grand High Priest immediately arrested the charter.

In reporting on the General Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest said:

> This General Grand Convocation was one of the largest, as well as one of the most harmonious bodies of representative Masons that ever assembled on this continent, and will doubtless be the means of strengthening the bonds of fraternal fellowship already established between the several Grand Jurisdictions therein represented.

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Our own beloved Companion, Chas. N. Rix, received well deserved recognition by being advanced to the station of General Grand Royal Arch Captain.

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The cordial manner in which we were received by the representatives of the several Grand Jurisdictions made us feel, indeed, that the whole world's akin.

And the good old State of Georgia! It was our second trip within her borders, and we trust we will have the opportunity to pay her another visit, that we may express our sincere appreciation of the kindness we received at the hands of her people. And Savannah, that beautiful city with her well-paved streets, her lovely parks and inviting homes, and, above all, her generous and cultured populace, how well they entertained us! The time was only too short; we could only bid them adieu, with a God bless you till we meet again.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the restoration of the charter to LaCrosse Chapter on condition it would be good. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter, any Chapter which violates Section Nos. 60 and 61 of the Digest of 1898 shall have its Charter arrested by the Grand High Priest, and that the High Priest, King and Scribe of such Chapter be summoned to appear before the Grand Chapter at its next Convocation, for discipline. And any Royal Arch Mason of this Grand Chapter, knowing of a violation of this law shall report the same to the Grand High Priest, and that the High Priests of Subordinate Chapters shall read this resolution, and Sections 60 and 61 to the Subordinate Chapters at the first meeting after its receipt.

Companion Fay Hempstead was appointed a committee to codify, redigest and index the approved decisions and laws of the Grand Chapter. Chapters were urged by special resolution to insure their properties against loss by fire.

The sum of $500.00 was appropriated to the Masonic Orphans Home at Batesville.

The Annual Review is by Companion Eugene G. Schoonover, and Michigan for 1909 receives two pages. He touches up Companion Brackett's address as follows:

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The address of the Grand High Priest, while not embellished with rhetorical flights or periods of eloquence, yet it is an able document and gets right down to the principles of the Order as it stands in that Jurisdiction, and comes from a very successful business man, accustomed to the ins and outs of the business world. That Jurisdiction should indeed congratulate itself upon the administration of Companion Brackett, for it was indeed a business administration, if such can be properly judged from its printed journal before us.

He quotes numerous passages, particularly giving attention to his remarks regarding conferring degrees in a frivolous manner, or as Companion Bennett of Canada says: "When the funny man is present." He bears down hard on the Annual Review of that year. I am sorry it makes such a poor impression abroad, but don't see how I can help it. Here is the way he treats it:

The Annual Review, which we denominate the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was prepared and presented by the Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion Charles A. Conover, and in an excellent manner has he discharged his duty. It is one of the most elaborate reports it has been our pleasure to examine. And the work has been well done and bears the ear marks of a scholar and painstaking man. To him much credit is due. He refers at considerable length to our own Jurisdiction, and quotes from the address of the Grand High Priest all the things useful and beneficial to Capitular Masonry in general. This review is full of statistics, and in that respect is the most complete of any it has been our pleasure to review.

Schoonover, you make Conover blush all over.

J. L. DAVIS, Fayetteville, Grand High Priest.
JOHN C. BONE, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA, 1909

Fifty-fifth Annual. SAN FRANCISCO. April 20th.
89 Chapters. 10925 Members.
FREDERICK WILLIAM G. MOEBUS, Grand High Priest.

This bulky volume of over 480 pages is prefaced by a

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fine steel engraving of Grand High Priest F. W. G. Moebus.

He granted two dispensations for the organization of new Chapters and constituted four which had been chartered the previous year.

Among the general subjects treated by him are the following:

We, as Royal Arch Masons, have not been as much alive to the importance of aiding and assisting our Companions who have met with misfortune, leaving it generally to the Blue Lodge. It may be that a little more attention to this part of our duty will draw more interest to our Chapter degrees, and to do this we cannot be without funds. However, I leave this for your consideration.

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Allow me to call the attention of our Companions to the office of our Grand Secretary, at 110 Sutter street. Here you will find Masonic literature, a place to do your correspondence, and, above all, our Grand Secretary, who may in many ways be able to assist you in your search for places and things; it is a good place to come to, and you should avail yourselves of the opportunity.

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A most suitable and valuable site for the New Masonic Temple has been purchased on Van Ness avenue, at Oak and Hickory streets. The property has been paid for; old buildings removed, and is now ready for the builder. Floor plans have been asked for from all the principal Temples in the United States. A number have come to hand, all of which will be carefully studied in every detail, the best of each appropriated with the purpose of making as perfect a building as possible for our needs and purposes. The spirit of the committee has been to take time, fully consider and intelligently determine what is best, and, if possible, avoid making any mistakes. I trust that ere long a report will be made, giving in detail all that has been and what is to be done.

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It has been my good fortune to have the privilege of returning to the various Chapters contributing the surplus of their most generous bounty for our relief, and as we look back to that April in 1906, we are reminded that, startling, crushing and confusing as was that terrible disaster, far-reaching and scorching in all its details, and never to be forgotten, yet with it all there came a bright ray of light,

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sympathy, cheer and hope—the spontaneous, generous, sympathetic response of our Companions throughout the length and breadth of our land and our Companions in Canada. So generous was their response to our need that, after all were cared for, there remained a surplus, and we have the great pleasure and satisfaction of restoring this to those who so freely gave of their own. Companions, these acts are bright pages in the history of our Order and will ever aid and stimulate us to noble deeds, and as generous as was their giving, so also was their appreciation of the returning of what was over.

He found in many Chapters that the Book of Marks was sorely neglected. He recommends that the American Flag be displayed at every Chapter hall at every meeting of the Chapter. He considers it the duty of the Grand High Priest or his deputy to attend the meeting of the General Grand Chapter and exert an effort to make uniform the ritualistic work. He certainly advances a good idea when he suggested that: "A Convocation of Grand Lecturers at least every three years would originate a School of Instruction which would soon eliminate all differences and establish our work upon a perfectly understood and accepted basis." I have not the least doubt but that such a convocation would be as profitable to the Grand Lecturers as the triennial meetings of the Grand Secretaries' Guild is to the Grand Secretaries, but how are you going to get all the Grand Lecturers or the Grand Secretaries to such a convocation when the first four officers of the Grand Chapter are the ones sent? A little consideration on this subject by Grand and General Grand Chapters might evolve a change in the method of representation which would be more beneficial than the present.

He speaks in no uncertain terms on the saloon question.

In regard to the eligibility of those in any way engaged in the liquor business, it is my firm conviction that the good name of our institution requires that we hold no communication with them, that we and they have nothing in common, and that our aims and purposes are diametrically opposed. The one destroys and tears down all that is noble, good and

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useful; the other teaches and endeavors to build up, elevate and make cleaner, purer and better; and while we purpose to make good men better and bring them up to a higher plane of thought and action, our institution is not a refuge for those engaged in or upholding the liquor business or liquor, nor are we a reformatory institution; and we should have the courage of our convictions, act like men, and stand firm for a clean and pure membership.

I believe I know whereof I speak when I say that no man in the liquor or kindred business has at any time or in any instance added honor or dignity to our Order. How much has been done on the other side you all know. Companions, it was time long ago that we should have come out square and true on this subject. Had we done so many a Companion would have been influenced by that action and saved from a downward course and disgrace, and saved from humiliation those whom he should have honored and respected. The experiences of the year convince me that the noblest one thing this Grand Chapter ever did was to abolish the use of intoxicants at our banquets. In every place where I have visited this is acknowledged, and the silent influence of that action has done much to make for better conditions.

We, as Royal Arch Masons, should be an example to all, and especially should we so be to the youth of our land. The young boy just leaving boyhood and imagining he is becoming a man is apt to feel that he must go out and do as men do. Who among us would for one instant think (if we think at all) of setting that boy the example of becoming a frequenter of the saloon; and yet we do it. Companions, stop and consider; weigh this subject of example and its influence upon the youth of your community, your home city or town. If there is one work which demands our attention it is this, of teaching by our example the right way for him to follow. Can we as men and Masons do a nobler or more urgent act than the saving of our young men, providing a place for them to go and spend their evenings, and send them home pure in thought and clean in person? Tell me not that this is not our business. Masonry stops short of its mission when its acts are confined to the limits of its lodge-room or of its membership. Its mission is to make man, woman and child more man-like, more God-like. By our example teach better citizenship, better fatherhood, better sons; to show by our lives that communities can be better, that honesty, truth and virtue are living issues and must be sustained and protected, and it is for us to do this. Who can tell how much silent influence the

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teachings of our Order have had in the making for good? We believe that influence, even if silent, has been potent and far reaching. Let us not only keep it alive, but cause it to burn with a bright flame, purifying and strengthening in the purification. Then will we accomplish our purpose and our institute be a blessing in the land.

If in the assembly there is a Companion who has raised one Brother out of the slough of despond, has awakened again the spark of manhood in one breast, has turned a father's step to the home, or brought a son again to his mother's heart, the year will not have been in vain.

There is so much that is good in the address that it is with difficulty I refrain from quoting it all.

The Annual Review is again the work of that veteran writer, Grand Secretary Wm. A. Davies. Michigan for 1908 is accorded five pages, but it is a little difficult to find it among the rest and I suggest for many of the correspondents that it would be a wise change to use running heads of the states reviewed, instead of the ever recurring "Report of Correspondence." We all know what it is without that heading on both pages, but with the small subheads sometimes used it requires some close looking to fine a particular state in the midst of a page of type.

He quotes the article in the introduction of the annual review on the value of correspondence reports.

GEORGE HAYS MONROE, Fresno, Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM A. DAVIES, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

CANADA, 1910

Fifty-Second Annual. TORONTO. February 23rd.
149 Chapters. 14106 Members.
GEORGE MOORE, Grand Z.

This excellent volume of proceedings arrives just as this report is closing.

The Grand Z. congratulates his companions on crossing the fourteen thousand mark in their membership. He

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made eleven visitations in various parts of the large Jurisdiction. He was called upon to rule on the physical qualification question and regarding it says:

This ruling has been regarded by Grand Chapter hitherto as being imperative in such cases, and in following precedent I considered that I was only voicing the expressed desire of this Grand Body. Personally, I am of the opinion a too rigid interpretation of what is classed under the head of "physical qualifications" should not be applied to the worthy Master Mason whose disability has happened after he joined the fraternity and whose desire to advance and complete his knowledge should not be hindered without other good and sufficient cause.

Also upon the question of amplifying the conferring of the degrees on which subject he stated:

Another Grand Superintendent wrote me, stating that a Chapter in his district intended conferring one of the degrees in a manner somewhat similar to that of another jurisdiction, and, although not altering our ritual, the officers had gone to considerable expense and trouble in preparing additional material and paraphernalia to give spectacular and dramatic effect to the ceremony. In reply to this request for a ruling, I directed the Grand Scribe E. to inform him that such procedure was a direct violation of the Constitution. That uniformity in the work was greatly to be desired and expected by Grand Chapter, and that he point out to the First Principal of the Chapter the error of introducing innovations, and exact a promise from him that he would in future conform to the regulations and ceremonies of Grand Chapter, which is enjoined to "see that the authorized work of the Order is preserved, and that no deviation be permitted either in the work or ceremonials and forms of the Order."

Here is a matter that interests all Grand Secretaries and he has touched the subject in good shape:

Since assuming the responsibilities of this high office I have been in close and constant touch with the office of the Grand Scribe E., and must express admiration for the long suffering patience with which that officer endures the gross negligence and easy going methods of a number of the Chapter secretaries. True, the great majority of these very necessary officers are all that can be expected, but some there are who, alas, prefer to procrastinate. Many of these, and some of them of many years' standing, are deaf to all appeals for

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promptness in applying for the immediate registration of newly exalted Companions, a demand which existing conditions renders imperative. Their returns to Grand Chapter they send as soon as it is convenient to themselves, generally at the last moment; and although by the change of date in the holding of the Annual Convocation the interval is extended one month, they apparently assume that that period is added for their particular benefit, and they take advantage of it accordingly. When the Grand Chapter books were closed at the beginning of the month a score of these officers were still to be heard from. Another very annoying feature is their persistent holding back of the statistical information required by the Grand Superintendents, and which necessarily delays the reports of those officers. As the First Principal of the Chapter is responsible for the prompt forwarding of the official documents and fees.

Dispensations were granted eleven new Chapters.

The pocket diploma issued by some Jurisdictions he considers very dangerous and they are forbidden in that Jurisdiction. Strange how the laws vary on this subject in different parts of the country.

As reported last year, Grand Scribe E., Companion Bennett was given a trip through the northwest for the purpose of visiting and becoming acquainted with those far away Chapters in that Jurisdiction. The Grand Z. courteously looked after his office work during his absence, but I will let Companion Bennett tell his own story about the trip as he does in his report. It is all intensely interesting, but will have to be abbreviated.

In accordance with the desire expressed by Grand Chapter at last Annual Convocation, I undertook the journey mapped out for me in the recommendation of the M. E. the Grand Z., and am pleased to report that the hope is entertained that it was not without benefit to those for whom it was intended. The experience was in no small degree a revelation and an education to myself, nor in saying this do I intend any reference to what I saw of this wonderful country, Canada, its resources and its growth. I simply desire to tell you of the Companions whom I had the privilege of meeting, and whose knowledge of Grand Chapter had been limited hitherto to the perusal of, or listening to, the reading of the record of its

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Annual Convocations, or what they gathered from correspondence with the office of the Grand Scribe E.

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In starting out, it was soon brought home to me that I was in rather a peculiar, perhaps delicate, position. I was practically without instructions, and could not well encroach upon territory that was already the preserve of the Grand Superintendent, nor touch that officer's prerogatives. As a matter of fact, he was present at my first visit to a Chapter, and where the R. A. degree was admirably presented for my benefit.

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I at once wrote to the Chapters at places I proposed visiting, requesting them merely to prepare the room as if for degree work, to meet me without the formality of a regular opening and reception, and that we could then enjoy an hour's fraternal talk without the constraint of official or ceremonial requirements. The idea apparently found favor and, except at one or two places where the date arranged happened to synchronize with the regular Convocation, I was enabled to carry out the arrangement with the very happiest results.

The meetings were, as suggested, informal, and notwithstanding the warm season, the Companions turned out in most gratifying numbers. The ice once broken, I soon learned to know each and every one, and their own pleasure in being able to talk familiarly and directly with one who had been known for years to them by name only, was manifest.

He interested his hearers with numerous talks on the story of the rise and progress of the Royal Arch in the motherland and its introduction into this continent which proved of absorbing interest. The journey to the coast embraced a period of nearly a month in which he visited Chapters in the Provinces of Ontario, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. He also responded to the appeal from Companions in the far away Yukon territory and visited the Chapter at Dawson. He is most enthusiastic over his receptions and treatments during his stay. He took the trip up there as an "off day" to recuperate after the long siege he had passed through and fears it might prove alarming to go

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into particulars regarding those Royal Craftsmen's treatment of the eastern tenderfoot.

During his term of office embracing ten years he has seen his Jurisdiction increase from 94 Chapters of 5,000 members to 149 Chapters with 14,106 members. Continued increase of membership and constant adding of new Chapters induced the Committee on Finance to add another $200 to his salary, making it $2,000.00 with additional assistance for office help. That is very liberal treatment after having given him a $300.00 trip in the west. Canadian Companions are not built along penurious lines, surely.

The committee touches up one of the Chapter's methods of work as follows:

To have sixteen candidates for the M. M. and R. A. and exemplify the work with two on the floor and fourteen sitting as spectators is scarcely pardonable.

We are told of short cuts to wealth and royal roads to learning, but all such efforts are eclipsed by this new departure, which makes R. A. Masons practically "at sight" instead of by the time-honored method handed down to us by our ancestors in the Royal Craft.

We are told that it is but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous. There is no sublimity in the innovation of making Royal Arch Masons by proxy. If we allow that innovation to become a precedent, it is but a step from making Masons by proxy to making them by mail, and we will be within sight of the time when brethren of the Craft lodges will be invited to join a correspondence school and let the advertiser make them Royal Arch Masons by mail.

The Grand Chapter refused to abolish the Most Excellent Degree and also provided that each candidate should reside one year in the Jurisdiction before petitioning.

The Annual Review is also Companion Bennett's work and covers 166 pages. Like myself, he finds the interest in these reports increasing. He says:

A year ago we touched a chord that seems to have found an echo in many quarters. We were not alone in concluding that the non-reading fraternity loomed up largely in the vision

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of the reporter. Our colleagues of other jurisdictions make similar complaint. A tour of the far West last year and a more intimate acquaintance with the Companions of those remote Chapters disclosed, however, a condition of affairs that served to considerably modify our original views. Those views, based upon observation made nearer home, were largely responsible for the shadow of injustice done to those distant Companions whose knowledge of current Craft matters was a revelation, and whose eagerness to acquire further knowledge, a delightful surprise. On their behalf "we humbly beg to be excused," and admit frailty in arriving too rapidly at a conclusion.

Michigan for 1909 is given three pages and the work well reviewed. Commenting on the appointment of a committee to investigate our connection with the General Grand Chapter he says:

And yet it is remembered that once upon a time a "foreign" correspondent incurred severe censure for suggesting the oddity of a "sovereign" body owing allegiance to any distinct organization.

Continuing further he says:

He gives a three-page kindly review of Canada, noting that the scribe was being sent to spy out the land. The receipt of Companion Conover's card of New Year greeting recently made us wish that he had shared in our delightful experiences, not the least of which was the whole-souled companionship enjoyed at the hands of the good fellows of Michigan, where at the "Soo" the town and all belonging thereto was handed over to us during our all too brief sojourn among them.

GEORGE MOORE, Hamilton, Grand Z.
GEORGE J. BENNETT, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.

COLORADO. 1909

Thirty-Fifth Annual. DENVER. September 23.
41 Chapters. 3951 Members.
GEORGE D. KENNEDY, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest reports the condition of the craft as good. Most of the Chapters doing plenty of

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work. He courteously sent a copy of their ritual to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico and the Grand High Priest of that Jurisdiction was so well pleased with it that he asked permission to present it for adoption as the standard work of that Jurisdiction. He makes the following recommendation:

My observations have led me to the conclusion that Royal Arch Masons, as a rule, are not as familiar with the work of the Chapter as they should be. A great many petition the Chapter with a view to entering the Commandery, and receive the degrees as fast as they can be conferred, never pausing long enough to consider or appreciate the beauties of the ceremonies or moral teachings contained in the several degrees; consequently, they take very little interest in the work of the Chapter, do not attend its Convocations, and leave all of its work to a few of the faithful.

To my mind, there is no good reason why the members of the Chapter should not take the same interest in its work as they do in the other Bodies. I can only ascribe this condition to a lack of knowledge concerning the work of the Chapter. My personal experience is, that when we required the candidates to learn the lectures of the several degrees, our Convocations were more interesting, the attendance was larger and there were many more well posted members than under present conditions. I therefore recommend that our By-Laws be amended so as to require all candidates, after receiving a degree, to learn the lecture of that degree, and pass an examination in open Chapter, before they can be advanced to the next degree.

The Grand Chapter of Wyoming was recognized and Grand Representatives exchanged. The following amendments to the by-laws were adopted:

If, after the reception of a petition for the Degrees, either before or after ballot, an objection is made to the candidate by a member of the Chapter, unless the objector announces such objection as temporary and only for the purpose of further inquiry, such objection shall be considered as having the effect of an unfavorable ballot, and all fees for unconferred Degrees shall be returned to the candidate.

After the candidate has received the Mark Master's Degree, any member of the Chapter may, in writing, object to his advancement, and such objection shall stand as a bar against the

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candidate unless withdrawn by the objector, or unless the objector shall cease to be a member in good standing of the Chapter. However, the Chapter may, at a regular Convocation, upon two weeks' notice to the objecting Companion, take up and try the sufficiency of the objection to advancement, and, if deemed sufficient, all fees for Degrees unconferred shall be at once returned and the candidate shall not be advanced until the objection is withdrawn or the objector's membership ceases. If the objection is deemed insufficient by a two-thirds vote, the candidate may be advanced.

No candidate shall be advanced to the Degree of Past Master, Most Excellent Master or Royal Arch Mason until he shall have passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge (Chapter) upon his proficiency in the next preceding Degree

An amendment requiring satisfactory examination in open Chapter in the preceding degree before advancement failed of adoption.

Grand Lecturer was allowed $5.00 per day and expenses for time actually employed, not to exceed $300.00.

The Annual Review is by Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster, and Michigan for 1909 is courteously treated. He says the introduction in the Annual Review of that year was "a good text and well carried out." Thanks.

JOHN B. HERSHEY, Trinidad, Grand High Priest.
CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Denver, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1909

One Hundred Eleventh Annual. NEW HAVEN. May 11th.
40 Chapters. 8050 Members.
GEORGE A. KIES, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest's address opens with the sorrowful report of the death of that noble and distinguished man and Mason, Past Grand High Priest John H. Barlow, who died June 16, 1908. Also Past Grand High Priest James R. Post, who died September 9, 1908, and Past Grand High Priest James L. Gould, who died January 26, 1909. Of Companion Barlow's life he says:

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As his Masonic record, together with that of Companions Gould and Post, will be recounted in detail in the "In Memoriam" pages of our Proceedings, I forbear to repeat it here, except to mention his long, faithful, and efficient service for thirty years as Committee on Correspondence of this Grand Chapter, in which capacity he was known, beloved, and respected from ocean to ocean. Good old "Uncle John;" we shall sadly miss his genial presence and wise counsel.

He will long be remembered by the Masonic writers and reviewers for the many reports on correspondence which he has written, and a personal acquaintance greatly enhanced a favorable opinion formed through his writings:

Companion Gould was also prominent as a ritualist and as publisher of Masonic Monitors. Of him the Grand High Priest says:

He too was not often present at our annuals of recent years, his total sightlessness (since about 1895) having prevented. But his interest in all things Masonic continued unabated up to the time of his death. Although not by any means his only service to this Grand Chapter, he will be chiefly remembered by reason of his arduous work as Chairman of the Committee on Work many years ago, when he formulated our present Standard Ritual.

During his visitations the Grand High Priest found no marked variations from the standard work and most of the Chapters were in fine condition financially, some having substantial reserve funds at interest. He did not, however, find uniformity among the Arks and says:

I find the lettering on the Arks of different Chapters varies considerably. Some (purchased from supply houses in other States) follow the General Grand Chapter usage. Others seem to follow neither that nor our own, being a sort of mongrel mixture.

There was a time when the inscriptions on the Arks seemed to mean very little, but there is considerable awakening to the importance thereof throughout the country.

He was privileged to be present at the centennial celebration of Trinity Chapter, No. 9. This is somewhat

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of an unique celebration for a Chapter, and this particular one can proudly boast of one hundred years of flourishing existence, uninterrupted even during the anti-Masonic period.

He graciously approved the request of Franklin Chapter to Washington Chapter, No. 15, at Flint, to confer the degrees on an elected candidate. Courtesies of this nature are pleasant to observe. Even Texas has decided to change her law which heretofore denied such a request. He decided that a subordinate Chapter has no power to impose fines for non-attendance at Convocations. He recommended that the expenses of the first four officers be paid for attendance at the triennial of the General Grand Chapter. He called attention of the incongruties in the nomenclature of the officers of a Chapter. They still use the old form Michigan had of "Most Excellent" for the High Priest and "Grand" Masters of the Veils, but his recommendation did not meet with approval of the Jurisprudence Committee whose excuse was that it was "already printed in the rituals and monitors." With some well meaning Companions it seems to be almost as unholy to them to revise a ritual as it is to revise the bible, yet both of them need it in some instances.

The Committee on By-Laws recommended that a form of by-laws should only meet local needs instead of being overloaded with Grand Chapter regulations. They therefore presented a simple form which was ordered sent to each Chapter for inspection and action next year.

The sum of $400.00 was appropriated for a set of new jewels for the use of Grand Chapter, and the jewels presented to Past Grand High Priests were ordered to be exchanged and new ones procured at a cost not to exceed $25.00 each. A committee was appointed to procure designs and prices.

A "working charter" was granted Jerusalem Chapter, No. 13, which was chartered in 1813, so that the original charter, which was considered very valuable and almost illegible, could be placed in safe deposit. The privilege

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was also extended to other Chapters desiring the same.

Excellent portraits face the memorial pages devoted to Companions John H. Barlow and James L. Gould.

The Annual Review is the handiwork of the retiring Grand High Priest, George A. Kies, whose portrait forms a frontispiece of the Proceedings. He takes up the work which for thirty years had been in the hands of Companion Barlow. Michigan for 1908 is given a fraternal review of over two pages. He thinks "Michigan has discarded the Grand Representative system." No, Companion Kies, Michigan never adopted it.

He notes Companion Cottrell's decision doing away with the incongruity of titles of officers, stating that his ruling was "in accord with the (on this subject, at least) sensible legislation of the General Grand Chapter."

CHARLES A. FARNHAM, Collinsville, Grand High Priest.
JAMES McCORMICK, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE, 1909

Forty-First Annual. WILMINGTON. January 20th.
4 Chapters. 986 Members.
ALFRED M. CLOWER, Grand High Priest.

Being a small Jurisdiction, this Grand High Priest succeeded in carrying out his intention and visited "every Chapter in the Jurisdiction." He found them in good condition, both working and financial, and that peace and harmony prevailed throughout.

Among his recommendations are that Subordinate Chapters failing to meet at least in eight Convocations in the year, shall be summoned to show cause why their charters should not be withdrawn; That upon the death of a member of the Grand Chapter, the Memorial Committee should prepare a suitable memorial, and that sister Jurisdictions be notified upon the death of a Past Grand High Priest; That a Companion wishing a dimit should

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apply for the same in writing; That a Companion elected to office in his Chapter cannot hold an appointed one at the same time.

It seems other Jurisdictions besides Michigan are moving along the line of life membership. Here is a resolution adopted by Delaware.

> Resolved, That Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction may be permitted, if they deem it necessary, to grant life membership with exemption from further payment of dues to any Companion, who shall have been in good standing for a period of five years next preceding his application for such membership, on payment to this Chapter of a sum not less than thirty dollars; and that the title of life member be granted to Companions in such Chapters as have incorporated or shall incorporate into their by-laws the Grand Chapter resolution adopted January 16th, 1895.

The Annual Review is again the work of V. V. Harrison. He records the missing states and says: "We would have burned the oil generally used after 11:59 p. m. sooner than pass them by had the reports come to our table." It is remarkable what a roost of night hawks these Correspondence reporters are.

Michigan for 1908 is given a very cordial review.

He mentioned Companion Cottrell's report as "a very readable document," and further says:

> He opened up with a very beautiful flourish of oratory which no doubt pleased the assembled Companions as it pleases others to read.

In the Annual Review he notices that his state is among the missing and inquires why! For the same reason Companion Harrison, Delaware did not reach our table. It was "20 minutes late." He quotes my treatise on the situation in Texas with evident approval. The "Texas plan" seems to be meeting with quite general favor and we will surely find other states soon marching along in the same column. Why not? Hasten the day!

In concluding he says:

> The subject of Charity and increase of homes for the aged

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Mason, his widow and orphan, is one that is engaging the attention of the entire fraternity with results most gratifying all over the land. Homes are springing up that afford shelter, food and raiment for the aged; education and a future for the orphan; all this and much more is being accomplished which will go down the ages and its echo will be heard long after those who have builded the foundation shall have passed to their last account.

We cannot close without paying our respects to the knights of the quill and bid them God speed.

A. HENRY BERLIN, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.
JAMES H. PRICE, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1909

Forty-Second Annual. WASHINGTON, D. C. February 10th.
12 Chapters. 3518 Members.
E. ST. CLAIR THOMPSON, Grand High Priest.

A special convocation was held June 13th for the purpose of attending the funeral of Nathaniel Brady Fugitt, Grand King, who was stricken of heart failure while in the performance of his duty as Captain General of Washington Commandery, No. 1, and died in the Commandery asylum June 10, 1908. An excellent portrait of this Companion is given.

The Grand High Priest whom the writer had the pleasure of meeting in Savannah presents a splendid address. He addressed the Grand Representatives present as follows:

The reason for Representatives, as the practice obtains, is to place every community in a nearer relation with every other Grand Jurisdiction than would exist if there were no such arrangement. The purpose served, therefore, is the same as that ministered to by the existence of the General Grand Chapter, viz: It extends acquaintance and brings into the life of the individual and work of the Craft a more intimate association of ideas and effort in the promotion of the common cause than would, perhaps, be otherwise possible.

The work of a Representative, therefore, is to widen his

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acquaintance with the jurisdiction he represents, and to establish an exchange and interchange between the jurisdictions of the best in each, so that the result of these efforts over an extended period will work for the solidarity of the institution and consequent advancement of its effectiveness in the lives of men.

In testimony of this thought, we shall cause note to be made in our records of this proceeding.

Shortly after assuming the direction of the affairs of Grand Chapter he met the officers of the several Chapters in consultation as to the best method of promoting the interest of the craft. Among other things it was decided to aid in carrying out the policy outlined and an association was formed to be composed of the council officers of the Chapters which should meet from time to time in consultation with the Grand High Priest for the study of and instruction in the lessons of Cryptic Masonry and cognate subjects. The organization more than filled the expectation of the Grand High Priest in the assistance it rendered him and he strongly recommends its continuance to his successors.

A new Masonic Temple has been completed in Washington and the title was transferred from the Masonic Temple Association which built it to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Besides the meeting place the quarters provided for the Grand Chapter consist of one room for the office on the second floor, about 14x16 feet in dimension and for the use of this and the Lodge room the Grand Chapter pays $500.00 per annum.

In the District of Columbia the Council degrees are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter and the Grand High Priest says of them:

The new Council of Royal and Select Masters (Adoniram), then but lately formed under the fostering care of Washington Council, No. 1, has more than doubled by the addition of new members, and the two Councils are rendering most acceptable service in disseminating among Royal Arch Masons an interest in the study of the history and structural conceptions of the institution.

With no lack of respect for our affiliations and the opinions

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which decreed our policy, I could wish that this Grand Jurisdiction might follow the example of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Texas. While they are not affiliated with either of the General Grand Bodies, if my information is correct, their solution of the matter of relationship between the Capitular and Cryptic is the preferable one.

The leven is working. Keep at it and the Texas plan will have another constituent.

The Grand High Priest presents a form of receipt and certificate of membership combined in the nature of a traveling card or diploma and the same was adopted by the Grand Chapter. This met with better success than the same recommendation did in another Jurisdiction.

A committee of three was appointed to ascertain the cost of a new set of jewels for officers.

An amendment was proposed which would permit the Chapter degrees to be conferred without charge upon an officiating clergyman not engaged in any secular employment. A year was taken to consider the subject. I have expressed my personal opinion on this subject before.

The several addresses of the Grand High Priest which he had delivered at visitations to the constituent Chapters are printed in the Proceedings and make excellent reading.

The Annual Review is by Grand Secretary Johnston. He says it is his "ninth and last." It is sincerely hoped that he is not looking for something serious to happen him. Later on he gives his reason:

The writer retires from the field of correspondence not only because of increasing official duties, but because he is tired of threshing old straw. The placid current of Capitular thought brings no new questions to the surface, and having discussed the old ones "all the way 'round and all the way back," he is weary of the "damnable iteration" of ideas and opinions for which he can no longer find even new forms of expression. It is with great regret that he bids farewell to the scribes, whose kindly consideration he will always prize. He commends to their favor his successor, Companion Roe Fulkerson, whose bubbling humor and striking originality

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will enliven these pages if his reports fulfill the promise of his writings in the American Tyler-Keystone.

A pleasant visit with Companion Johnston recently in his pleasant office in the new Masonic Temple in Washington confirmed me in the belief that the District has a competent, careful and painstaking official and his retirement from the editor's chair is regretted, for from the experience of such officers we all profit.

We welcome "Bubbling Humorist" Fulkerson and shall expect the fellows who sit in the ante-room and smoke to "get theirs."

For some reason Michigan is not included in the Review. Probably because the proceedings slipped a cog in reaching Companion Johnston.

FRANCIS J. WOODMAN, Washington, Grand High Priest.
ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, Washington, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA, 1909

Sixty-Third Annual. JACKSONVILLE. May 11th.
29 Chapters. 1817 Members.
JOHN H. WEDDELL, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest congratulates his hearers on the meeting held in the new Masonic Temple of which they are very proud. He divided the state into four districts for visitation and assigned a district to each of the first four officers and separate reports are made by each. This is a good plan but does not fill the bill as a good Grand Lecturer does like we have in Michigan.

He granted dispensations for two new Chapters which denotes increased interest. He was asked to decide about holding a special installation of officers when St. John's Day occurred on Sunday. He said:

As to the question about installation it seemed to be one concerning only the lawful use of Sunday for such purposes: and I replied by saying that I knew of no Masonic law to for-

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bid it; but advised that the installation take place at the time of the election, or at a Convocation called for the purpose as soon thereafter as practicable, on some day other than Sunday; and that the Chapter must be governed in that matter by its own sense of propriety.

Some of his decisions were as follows:

The candidates having been balloted for in the Chapter (i. e. in the R. A. degree), the Lodges of the minor degrees can be opened separately for conferring the degrees—in which case the Chapter is always open, and must be so recognized in the records of the meeting.

The mark of an affiliated member does not become dead in the Chapter where he was exalted, but stands for reference like any other record. It is not the custom to have the document of a dimit bear the mark of the Companion dimitted; but from the wording of Regulation 22, (specifying every member as well as all candidates), it would seem that the mark should go with the application for affiliation. In no case can the mark be changed.

There is no provision made for exempting any candidate from the minimum fee of twenty dollars—ministers or others.

The jewels and aprons of the Chapter are to be worn in all the degrees.

Grand Secretary Webster describes his new quarters thus:

We now have very fine, commodious offices and library room, thoroughly equipped with up-to-date furniture and fittings, a large vault furnished with the latest devices in steel furniture. This of course, is the property of the Grand Lodge of Florida, but at the last Annual Communication of that body, action was taken allowing the Grand Chapter office privileges which space in the library and vault, provided that such occupancy did not at any time interfere with the business of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter being charged an annual rental of $75.00 for such privileges. When we stop to consider that we are getting the use of offices and library thoroughly furnished in a splendid, modern, fireproof building, together with ample room in a fine vault, for less than we can get one small room in any office building in the city, we can appreciate this liberal offer made by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chapter now having ample vault privileges has no use or place for the large iron safe owned by it and the Grand Commandery jointly. The Franz Safe and Lock Com-

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pany, from whom the safe was originally purchased, and who fitted up the vault with steel furniture, have very liberally offered to take the safe off our hands, allowing its full purchase price, $225.00, to apply on the vault fixtures. In consideration of our having these privileges at such a low rate per year, I think it would be right that the Grand Chapter should authorize this exchange and thus pay the sum of $112.50 on account of vault fixtures, and I have no doubt that should the time come when it shall be found desirable or necessary to have separate accommodations for the Grand Chapter, the Grand Lodge will do what is right in regard to its reimbursement.

The Committee on General Grand Chapter, among other things, reported:

The committee are therefore of the opinion that it will not be necessary or expected of the Companions from Florida to prepare a banquet or any other formal entertainment, but would recommend that one or more suitable rooms be engaged at the hotel where most of the representatives are likely to be, and that our representatives there keep open house, with light refreshment ready at all times. If those rooms can be decorated so as to indicate the semi-tropical character of our State, and provided with our fruit products, it will be appropriate and add to the pleasure of visitors who may be drawn to our headquarters from all parts of the country.

Yes, I was there and some of those shaddock got clear up to Michigan. The display was beautiful and novel.

The Chapter conferred the several degrees upon candidates furnished by one of the Chapters. An effort to change the annual meetings from May to June failed to carry.

A resolution to appoint a Grand Lecturer which was previously referred to a committee was reported upon as follows:

Your committee are in hearty sympathy with the recommendation and believe that the appointment of a Grand Lecturer for this Jurisdiction would be of untold benefit to our Chapters, not only in bringing about substantial uniformity in our ritualistic work, but it would doubtless result in an increased interest among the membership, and stimulate a just pride to excel in all things that pertain to Chapter work.

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Your committee, however, having considered the expense, are in doubt as to whether this Grand Chapter should now act upon this recommendation and beg leave to suggest that further consideration be given to this subject, as the recommendation has so much of merit, that it does not seem wise that hasty action be taken without the fullest investigation.

The condition of the Grand Chapter Library was ordered improved and an appropriation made therefor. A peculiar recommendation regarding aprons was adopted which reads:

In the matter of the fourth question relating to the wearing of jewels and aprons of the Royal Arch degree while working the lower degrees of the Chapter we find that the constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter are silent upon the subject and therefore the answer of the Grand High Priest was correct, but the "Signet," which has been adopted by the Grand Chapter as the monitor for use in this Grand Jurisdiction provides that the aprons in the first three degrees of the Chapter shall be trimmed with purple. We, however, recommend that it be optional with the Chapter to use either Chapter aprons in all degrees or the purple aprons in the lower degrees

There is no Annual Review.

SAMUEL PASCO, Montocello, Grand High Priest.
WILBER P. WEBSTER, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1909

Eigthy-Seventh Annual. MACON. April 28th.
139 Chapters. 6769 Members.
L. M. HEARD, Grand High Priest.

A splendid representation answered to roll call.

The Grand High Priest fraternally mentioned the death of four distinguished members of Michigan. Only one other Jurisdiction, Indiana, had so many.

Since the new Code was adopted he found decisions unnecessary. Dispensations were granted for four new

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Chapters which indicates that Capitular Masonry in Georgia is booming.

He reports the Masonic Home as doing a most splendid work and is enthusiastic in its praise. He recommended as liberal an appropriation as the financial condition would permit.

He found Grand Secretary Wolihin a pillar of strength.

It was announced by Companion J. W. Taylor that Past Grand High Priest, Henry Banks, was stricken suddenly ill on his way to the opening of Grand Chapter, and on motion a committee of three was appointed to visit Most Excellent Companion Banks and tender him the sympathy of Grand Chapter.

The Jurisdiction was honored with a visit from Past Grand High Priest, Henry D. Hamilton, of New York, who was received with the honors due to his rank. Companions Banks and Hamilton were both elected to office in General Grand Chapter.

The following resolution was adopted which would indicate that perfection has not yet attained in the matter of annual returns:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, of which Companion Bowdoin shall be Chairman, to devise some plan by which the present unsatisfactory method of making returns from the Subordinate Bodies may be improved.

The Finance Committee placed its stamp of approval upon the following expenditures:

Salary Grand Treasurer, $300; Salary Grand Secretary, $900; salary Committee on Correspondence, $75; Appropriation Grand High Priest, $250; Past Grand High Priest's Jewel, $185; Masonic Home, $1,000.

Finding the amount appropriated by Grand Chapter entirely inadequate for the purpose of entertaining the General Grand Chapter, a resolution was adopted that the Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction be invited to contribute to the entertainment fund. Knowing the

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generosity and gallantry of our Southern Companions, undoubtedly their request met with a hearty response.

The Grand Chapter officers were authorized to disburse the fund provided, and appoint such committees as are necessary to properly carry out the work.

A beautiful memorial in the form of a collection of badges gathered by a deceased Companion was presented on behalf of his daughter to be deposited in the Masonic Home of that Jurisdiction.

In accepting the Past Grand High Priest's jewel Companion Heard expressed himself as follows:

No gem that I possess now or shall hereafter receive can ever be so truly valuable to me or so much prized as this beautiful and lasting token of your love and confidence. I shall keep it always—until the time has come for me to lay aside the cares of this life and it is my earnest wish and desire that my boy shall wear it with honor to Capitular Masonry that we all love so well.

My Companions, I thank you.

The Annual Review is again submitted by Companion A. M. Lambdin, who was unable to be present on account of illness, but sent his letter of greeting. This is his tenth annual report. Since that time the death of this distinguished Companion has been announced. Peace to his ashes!

For some reason Michigan failed to connect with his editorial table, consequently no review, much to our regret.

In closing his report he says:

There can be no more fitting conclusion to this report than to express the hope that all the Companions of the Correspondence corps may find it possible to attend the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter which convenes in Savannah in November of this good year, 1909.

Although there was some disappointment that you and all the other Companions of the various Grand Chapters could not visit our Southland while the magic touch of Spring was resting upon our hills and dales, still the welcome will be all the warmer when you come to us amid the golden glow of our matchless Indian Summer.

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Come and see for yourselves that of this land and this people "the half has not been told."

J. A. WALTON, Columbus, Grand High Priest.
W. A. WOLIHIN, Macon, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO, 1909

First Convocation. WALLACE. June 22nd.
13 Chapters. 785 Members.
JAS. A. PINNEY, Grand High Priest.

This Grand Chapter was organized and started on its journey June 16, 1908. The first volume of Proceedings is a highly creditable production. Nine Chapters were duly represented. The Grand High Priest was unable to visit any of the Chapters. He decided that an applicant for the Chapter degrees from the Masonic Lodge working under dispensation was eligible. Certainly, why not? He earnestly recommends representation at the General Grand Chapter meeting. Charters were issued to new Chapters under dispensation.

The Committee on Necrology report the death of the High Priest of Wallace Chapter who was electrocuted while in the discharge of his duties as an electrician. He was married but a brief period before his tragic death.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at $100, and $200 was set aside for the representatives of the General Grand Chapter.

There is no report on correspondence.

FRANK D. WINN, Coeur D'Alene, Grand High Priest.
ALBERT A. JESSUP, Boise, Grand Secretary.

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ILLINOIS. 1909

Sixtieth Annual. CHICAGO. October 28th.
195 Chapters. 29344 Members.
FREDERICK E. HOBERG, M. E. Grand High Priest.

The list of Grand Officers displays the name of a former Michigan Companion as one of the Grand Lecturers. It is Companion Chauncey F. Newkirk who was at one time superintendent of the State Public School at Coldwater.

The Grand High Priest found fault, as some others have, with the kind of surety bonds furnished by surety companies in which the honesty of the officer is the only thing that is guaranteed, and says:

> **Now, as a general proposition, a Masonic body does not require that the honesty of its officers shall be certified. What it does want is an indemnity for any loss it may sustain by reason of its officers, however such loss may occur. If some of the Grand High Priests who are holding 'policies' on their Secretaries and Treasurers will carefully read the same, it may appear that Grand Chapter is not in all respects as safe as was supposed.**

He recommends that if the surety companies will not furnish the kind of bond required that the Grand Chapter return to the old plan of requiring bonds with personal security. The result of my investigation along this line shows that bonding companies will give such a bond, but it is a double-header and also a double-price. It can be furnished if the Grand Bodies will pay the bill.

Dispensations were granted for four new Chapters, which indicates that Illinois continues to grow. He ordered that the Grand Secretary should not issue to any Chapter more than the three copies of rituals authorized to be distributed to each Chapter. This should silence those numerous calls for "extra copies."

He decided that the loss of the left hand does not render a Brother ineligible to the Chapter degrees. Not so in Michigan. He further decided that the failure to

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pay the fee prescribed before the ballot is not such an irregularity as will invalidate the vote. He recommended that the Committee on Obituaries be reduced from three members to one, as one always did the work and the other two members simply signed the report and drew their pay, which suggestion certainly has a great deal of merit.

In closing his report he makes the following comment:

I wish to thank our Grand Secretary for his assistance and continued kindness to me. Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on having so faithful and efficient a servant. I should not be true to myself if I did not make this declaration to you. We may well be proud of his interesting and brilliant work as Committee on Correspondence. It has been a gratification to me, in perusing the proceedings of foreign Grand Jurisdictions, to note the interest taken in his reports, beyond the limits of our State.

Grand Secretary presents his second annual report. Acting under instructions he selected a new set of jewels for Grand Officers being those of the now popular coat badge instead of the old-time collar or ribbon attachment. There he goes again. Getting away from the old customs and old styles that have almost come to be landmarks. He also procured two hundred badges for use of the delegates attending the General Grand Chapter, one of which is now deposited in the archives in my office as a memorial of that Convocation.

The General Grand High Priest, Companion Joseph E. Dyas was introduced and responded to the ovation tendered him by the Grand Chapter, in a witty speech wherein he showed the joys and troubles that attended the exalted office he then held.

By special resolution the officers of the Grand Chapter were permitted to retain their respective jewels during the recess, being severally responsible for their safe keeping and return.

An effort is being made to remove the office of the Grand Chapter and terminate the lease with the Masonic Temple Association. One by one, by increasing rent and

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otherwise, the Masonic Bodies are disappearing from that celebrated building. It is understood that there is a hidden power that is working quietly but powerfully to accomplish that end.

The Grand Lecturer's report that there was a total of seventy-one Chapters represented at the Schools of Instruction when there ought to have been double that number. They suggested that hereafter the several Chapters pay the expenses of one or more representatives to the school held nearest to them. The sum of $600 was appropriated for expenses for maintaining headquarters at Savannah during the triennial. The by-laws were amended raising the salary of Grand Secretary Warvelle from $1,800 to $2,400 per annum. Companion Warvelle, you have our sincerest congratulations.

Companion Warvelle includes with the Proceedings his pamphlet entitled "Observations on the Order of High Priesthood." A splendid article on the history and work of that degree.

The correspondence report is the eighth presented by Companion Warvelle. He follows his usual custom of giving a short review of each state. Michigan fared well, receiving a page and a quarter in his review of our 1909 Proceedings. All things considered he thinks "Michigan has no kick coming." In commenting on our regulation regarding Emeritus Membership, he expresses the thought that we had better make it a straight service period irrespective of age. He leans a little toward Oslerism as he says the average worker is fully incapacitated at sixty, often before sixty. After quoting the resolution adopted instructing a committee to investigate our connection with the General Grand Chapter, he says: "Now what do you suppose Michigan has up its sleeve?" He completes his report by a series of "Observations and Reflections." He lets loose one of his pointed articles when commenting on the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi to indorse the action of the Grand Lodge in withdrawing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey

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on account of the negro question. I would like to know how Mississippi can get around the logic of his argument. This is what he says:

But the resolution brings up another and oft-mooted question. Of what material shall the Masonic fraternity be composed? Is it confined to the Caucasian, or to any family or families of the Caucasian, or may it embrace "all sorts and conditions of men," as the prayer book very euphoniously puts it. There is no doubt in my mind that our fraternity in its origin and early development was Scando-Gothic. In other words, that it sprung from a northern root and in its inception was strictly an institution of the Teutonic-Celtic tribes of Northern Europe. All of our Semitic legends are modern, the product of the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. On the other hand, our essential symbolism, ceremonies, and much of our present ritual, are distinctly survivals of ancient Teutonic religious thought, usages and customs. The universal feature had no place in the ancient Craft, and the Pathagorian idea of a world-wide brotherhood does not extend much, if any, beyond the beginning of the eighteenth century. If this be true, then may not Mississippi find a justification for its present course by an appeal to ancient usage?

But, if we shall admit the theoretical correctness of Mississippi's present attitude, may we not also say that no Mongolian can enter the congregation of the faithful? And if the Mongol is barred, then how about his cousin, the Turanian, of whom many specimens are now found in Eastern Europe? And so, if we once admit the principle of race exclusion where shall we finally draw the line between the wholly proper and totally unfit?

It will be observed that Mississippi's reason for non-intercourse is based entirely on ethnological grounds. And therein lies its vice. A particular race is singled out among the many. It is immaterial that the Negro is the one selected. If we shall admit the correctness of the principle then Illinois may with propriety say that only persons descended from so-called Aryan stock shall be eligible for Masonic honors, to the exclusion of all the Semitic races. Indeed, there is practically no limit to the lines that may be drawn. My own experience has been, that ignorance, vice and immorality are not confined to any one race, and that not a few lily-white

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Caucasians have blacker souls than the darkest skinned Senegambian that ever left the shores of Africa.

HENRY H. MONTGOMERY, Carrolton, M. E. Grand High Priest.
GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA, 1909

Sixty-Fourth Annual. INDIANAPOLIS. October 20th.
114 Chapters. 13207 Members.
ROBERT M. H. BRITTON, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest in opening his address asked this question:

Can you imagine anything more delightful, good and pleasant, than a Convocation of enthusiastic Masons; assembled to perform a constitutional duty, and to greet, love, renew old and make new Masonic acquaintance?

Memorials are devoted to Companions Johnson, Clugston, Chestnutwood, Smith and Parry. "A cluster of jewels bright in the firmament of Royal Arch Masonry."

The Grand High Priest was honored by being invited by the General Grand High Priest to install the officers elect at Paris, Illinois.

He urges that more care be taken in recording Marks. In commending Grand Secretary Prather in his work he says:

I thank all Companions who have so cheerfully and kindly assisted me in the discharge of my duty, especially Grand Secretary Prather. The work would really be onerous were it not for his valuable assistance and fund of knowledge. As it is, he does the work and we get credit. May he live long and prosper; may his smiling countenance and his affable manner be with us for years to come.

John J. Glendening, Grand Inspector, is very interesting. He visited all but one of the 114 Chapters of the Jurisdiction. Who can beat that? However, thirty-seven of them had no meeting on the date set for

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inspection, twenty-four had meetings, but no work and fifty-three had work. He considers that it is not necessary for the purpose of inspection that there should be "actual" candidates. The use of substitute candidates enables the Inspector to correct errors in the manner of working the degrees or the language of the ritual as the work progresses. In further commenting on the work he said:

In many of the Chapters the exemplification of the Royal Arch degree was given in an almost perfect manner, with every attention to detail. In others the degree was put on in a slovenly manner, the officers having frequent recourse to the Ritual, and in some instances reading the entire ceremony from it. There is nothing that so detracts from the beauty and solemnity of the work as an officer trying in a dim light to persecute an unfortunate candidate by reading or attempting to read the work to him.

Indiana recognizes the services of a faithful and valuable worker. One who, as the Grand High Priest says, "does the work and we get the credit." If the influence and benefits of the Grand Secretaries' Guild are to be lasting they most certainly should be participated in by the only one who continues long in office and whose influence and experience is a benefit to every succeeding Grand High Priest. All credit to Indiana, which recognizes merit and is willing to pay for what it gets. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, Inasmuch as the best interests of both Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction will be furthered by the attendance of our Grand Secretary upon the triennial session of Grand Secretaries' Guild, which meets in Savannah, Georgia, during the sessions of General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council; that our said Grand Secretary be sent thither as the Representative of Indiana, and that an appropriation equal to one-half the amount allowed each Grand Representative to the General Grand Chapter be made out of the treasury of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Grand Inspector's Report recommends that officers be not permitted the use of the ritual

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for exemplification of the esoteric work and the Chapters violating the regulation be reported by Grand Inspector to the Grand High Priest for his action.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Indiana to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, to be holden in Savannah, Georgia, November 9, 1909, present to the General Grand Chapter the unanimous request of the Grand Chapter of Indiana that the sessions of the General Grand Chapter of 1912 be held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Indianapolis, and that they use every honorable means to induce the General Grand Chapter to accept the invitation of this Grand Chapter for such Triennial Convocation in Indianapolis in 1912, and that they further request the assistance of the Representatives of the Grand Council of Indiana in their efforts to secure for Indianapolis the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council as well as the General Grand Chapter.

By the good work of the representatives of that Jurisdiction the coveted prize was landed and we will meet with them in Indianapolis in the year 1912.

The Annual Review is by Companion Robert M. H. Britton, who succeeded Companion Johnson as editor in the chair. Michigan for 1909 is carefully reviewed. He says of us:

Michigan is one of the very few Grand Chapters without foreign Representatives. Why? Come now, sister, let us be friendly, let us be sociable, let us do as others do. Don't be selfish. We may be of some assistance to you and vice versa. No cost, no trouble. Send us down a diplomat. We will consider it an honor, and these Representatives will be honored.

Now, Companion Britton, this is just where we get our enjoyment, in being different from the rest. You always notice that things which are different are most conspicuous. When you look over a large herd of cattle and see one white one among them, how much more conspicuous it is. Or, in a large crowd of people, the tall man who is different from the rest is conspicuous thereby. Perhaps

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desiring to be different from the rest, Michigan has never adopted the Grand Representative plan.

CHARLES M. WORDEN, Peru, Grand High Priest.
CALVIN W. PRATHER, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1909

Fifty-Sixth Annual. DAVENPORT. October 7th.
128 Chapters. 11005 Members.
LOUIS BLOCK, Grand High Priest.

A fine steel engraving of the Grand High Priest prefaces the Proceedings. A large per cent of the Chapters were not represented, there being only 92 out of 128 who responded to the roll call. Companion Frederick W. Craig, Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter, whose home is in Iowa, and Joseph E. Dyas, General Grand High Priest, were both introduced and received with honors. In response to the address of welcome, Comp. Dyas gave a good resume of the General Grand Chapter history as follows:

The General Grand Chapter was organized in 1797 by committees representing three Chapters located in Massachusetts and New York. Its original object evidently was to issue charters for Chapters in unoccupied territory, which is evidenced by the fact that most all the old Chapters in the then western country obtained their first charters from the national body. Three chartered Chapters in a state or territory have the privilege of forming a Grand Chapter, with the consent of the parent body, and with the exception of Utah Grand Chapters are now established in every state and territory, so that there only now remain eight Chapters in Utah and one Chapter each in Honolulu, Manila, Valparaiso, Shanghai, San Juan, Havana and Alaska—fifteen in all, immediately subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. There are now forty-six Grand Chapters within its jurisdiction, representing a total membership of nearly three hundred thousand Royal Arch Masons.

The General Grand Chapter fifty years ago relinquished all supervision and disciplinary powers over Grand Chapters, and

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since that time has simply been an advisory body as to Grand Chapters—settling disputes between Grand Chapters should they be submitted—and deciding questions of Capitular law whenever such questions are presented.

The use of the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, and which you have recently adopted, is not obligatory on any Grand Chapter, or subordinate Chapter, except those Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, is now in use in seventeen Grand Jurisdictions, and is the ritual more in use than any other.

I have given a brief sketch of the General Grand Chapter, believing it would be of interest to you. It seems so far removed from the subordinate Chapters and the officers thereof so seldom indulge in visitations that it is not remarkable that so little is known of it, and in many instances its existence is entirely unknown to the membership.

I have endeavored while I held the office of General Grand High Priest to visit as many Grand Chapters as possible, for the purpose not only of meeting the Royal Arch Masons of the Jurisdiction and thereby bring the Grand Chapters into closer relations with the national organization, but also because it is always a pleasure to me to meet any assemblage of Royal Arch Masons.

As much as my absence from my business would permit I have visited Chapters, both Grand and subordinate, in nearly every section of the country, and my observation has been that the personnel of the membership is about the same all over—the mainstay of our progress and civilization—and representing the highest type of American citizenship.

The Grand High Priest delivered an address covering thirty-one pages which is full of interest and displays the workings of the legal mind. He opens with a rhetorical desertation on Masonry. The growth and condition of the craft were both gratifying to him. He was compelled to make all his official visitations by proxy.

They lost their Grand Treasurer, Companion Herbert C. Shadbolt by death during the year; also their Grand Chaplain, Companion S. R. J. Hoyt. The Grand High Priest delivered an eloquent tribute in memory of the two beloved members.

He reports a new code as prepared and published. It was carefully edited and skillfully annotated by Com-

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panion Craig, Chairman of the Committee. The Grand High Priest fully appreciates the work done, particularly the index. He says:

Having had some little experience in looking up Masonic law and usage in various Masonic law books, and having been repeatedly annoyed by the miserably poor indexes found in most of them, I had come to a keen realization that a great deal of the misgovernment existing in Royal Arch Chapters was largely due to the inability of Companions seeking light in Masonic law to find it on account of the wretched quality of the indexes. I therefore suggested to the chairman of the Code Committee that a most exhaustive and detailed index be carefully prepared, thoroughly cross-indexed, and printed as a part of the new Code. Being of my own profession I called his attention to the motto so current among us to the effect that "It is not so much to know the law as to know where to find it," and intimated that there should not be a single subject, topic, or thought in the new edition of the Constitution and Laws that was not mentioned under its proper head in the index; that the new index should be so full and complete that no matter under what head a seeking Companion might search he could not help but stumble upon the information he desired.

Talk about binding, what do you think of this? After the publication of the code, Grand High Priest warned the High Priests and Secretaries that hereafter no inquiries concerning Capitular law would be answered by himself or the Grand Secretary unless the Chapter requesting such information should forward with its request a certificate under the seal of the Chapter signed by either its High Priest or its Secretary, certifying that he had made a careful search of the constitution and the laws and had been unable to find therein the information desired. The new Grand High Priest will certainly have a snap and the Grand Secretary a release from much unnecessary correspondence. Speaking further on the subject and its effect upon the craft, the Grand High Priest reports:

I hesitated a good deal before taking this step, for I was not sure just how the craft would welcome this enforced correspondence school in Masonic law, yet I am glad to say that

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the result more than justified the action. Everywhere I met with prompt commendation of this course, and in a short time the certificates began to pour in from the students who had graduated in this state-wide college. I then felt, and still feel, deeply grateful to the Companions who so faithfully and promptly complied with this order, and it is with great satisfaction that I realize that I stand today in the presence of a Masonic legislative assembly the like of which I feel sure has rarely been seen before.

One enthusiastic High Priest caught the spirit of the movement and proceeded to organize within his own Chapter a little law school of his own. The new law was divided into three equal portions, and one portion was read in open Chapter at three successive stated convocations and thoroughly discussed and digested by the Companions present, who found that this program added largely to the interest and enthusiasm of their stated meetings.

He rendered the following decisions:

An Iowa Chapter is not required to pay a foreign Chapter for the privilege of exalting a Most Excellent Master belonging to such foreign Chapter.

A Chapter has no right to donate any part of its funds to a public library. Masonic funds must be used for strictly Masonic purposes.

An Iowa Chapter can confer the degrees of Capitular Masonry upon a candidate elected under a foreign Chapter when the foreign Chapter transmits, through the foreign Grand High Priest and the Iowa Grand High Priest to the Iowa Chapter, a written request under seal, asking the Iowa Chapter to confer such degrees.

The doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction is not recognized in Iowa Capitular Masonry. When a rejected candidate removes from the territorial jurisdiction of the Chapter which rejected him that Chapter loses all jurisdiction over him.

He expressed the desire to remodel the Past Master's degree by eliminating some of its objectionable features while preserving its acceptable parts. He has the highest praise and words of gratitude for Grand Secretary Wingate's assistance and says of him:

It is true he is a salaried officer and we pay him what we feel we can afford for his work, and yet at the same time there are certain kinds of work that money can never reward.

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Money can buy many things, but loyalty, enthusiasm, and untiring devotion to a great cause are not to be purchased with gold.

If we do not add to the wages we pay him, our heartfelt gratitude for his tireless work, his unswerving loyalty to the interest we have near at heart, we should be recreant in our duty.

The Annual Review is again written by Companion W. F. Cleveland. Michigan for 1909 is reviewed in three pages. He hands this out to Companion Brackett.

A good portrait of Companion M. Earl Brackett, Grand High Priest, fills the front page of the printed Proceedings. From his decoration we should judge that he is a Shriner, but what that has got to do with his being Grand High Priest we fail to see.

GEORGE W. BALL, Iowa City, Grand High Priest.
ALF. WINGATE, Des Moines, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1909

Forty-Fourth Annual. WICHITA. February 15th.
89 Chapters. 7929 Members.
AUGUSTUS O. WELLMAN, Grand High Priest.

Like many others who have preceded him and like many who will follow him, the Grand High Priest made the good resolution before entering his office to visit every Chapter in the Jurisdiction, but "like many a good resolution made in the heat and zeal of gratitude, this one went glimmering," and he found but few opportunities to make official visits. He mentions a visit to Topeka Chapter at which time the Most Excellent Master's degree was conferred on ten candidates in a most beautiful and impressive manner with the aid of correct costuming, stage and electrical effects, with which that Chapter is equipped. He recomemnds that the Mark Master's degree should not be conferred upon more than one candidate at a time, except the lecture and charge, and the

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same recommendation is made in regard to the Past Master's degree. The Most Excellent Master's degree may be conferred upon any convenient number, and the Royal Arch only upon a team as prescribed by law. He further recommends that a Chapter which does not transmit its annual reports to the Grand Secretary by January 10th of each year shall be deprived of representation in Grand Chapter and the Grand Secretary shall not issue credentials except upon direct action of the Grand Chapter. He designates the work accomplished in the Grand Secretary's office as "simply colossal." The Grand Chapter had outgrown the methods employed in former years and new, up-to-date systems of accounting, filing and recording were introduced, and he boasts as a matter of pride:

We are able to report to this Grand Chapter that a complete historical register, the equal of which is not possessed by any Grand Chapter of the United States, is now established in the office of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter.

He has not been to Michigan yet and inspected the membership register in the office of our Grand Chapter.

He is not proud of the jewels which decorate the breasts of the Grand Officers and says they belong to the antique style of decoration, and by their bulk and pattern they remind one of the "high-boys of Colonial days." He recommends an appropriation of $100 for a new set.

Grand Secretary Wilson's report is voluminous, covering twenty-six pages. He describes in great detail the new systems and records which he introduced into his office. Companion Wilson's previous record as secretary of Grand Lodge is a guarantee that they are all right. The new equipment of metal furniture and filing cases was placed in the Grand Chapter vault on an appropriation of $500.00. A half-tone "portrait" of this equipment is given on a page of the Proceedings and is very lifelike. He here gives his method of proceeding with the work of building his membership register.

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In the preparation of this work, your Grand Secretary endeavored as much as possible to have the names of the members correctly recorded, as well as all dates in connection therewith. In order, therefore, to make these records as complete as possible, as soon as the history of the membership of any one Chapter was completed a report of all the names of the members of that Chapter was submitted as the names then appeared upon the records in the archives of the Grand Chapter, and the Secretary was requested to correct the spelling of these names and return them to the Grand Secretary before they were entered on the permanent cards. A list also was submitted where there was any missing data as to dates of degrees, admissions, deaths, etc., and the Secretaries were requested to supply the needed information in order that the companions' records might be made as perfect as possible. The experience of your Grand Secretary in this particular was very similar to that when preparing the Registry for the Grand Lodge, viz., the failure or indifference upon the part of some Secretaries to assist him in this important work. As the history of many members in the Chapters where the Secretary failed to furnish the information asked by the Grand Secretary remains incomplete, and which imperfect records will be discovered from time to time, your Grand Secretary feels justified in submitting herewith, a list of the Chapters which failed to furnish the information desired and those which did not send in their report until after this work was completed.

This failure upon the part of the Secretaries means much, as to make the necessary changes upon the registry at any time hereafter requires not only additional labor upon the part of the Grand Secretary but in most cases adds possibly ten times the amount of work to make this change as it would have done if prompt attention had been given to his request and the needed information furnished before the work was finished. Where it is necessary to change the spelling of a name in future, it will require in most cases the recopying of all names on that particular index card on which is recorded in many cases sixteen names. In addition to this, a new historical card must be prepared to conform to the index card. This statement is made in order that the companions may more fully understand the importance of this part of the report and why it is submitted at this time.

In arranging the membership register for Michigan, this writer sent for all the records of each Chapter in the state for the purpose of making a copy of all infomation

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of value for the record cards. This went back to the year 1818. These records were compared with the returns on file, some of which were very incomplete and incorrect, which brought down to date makes a total of individual cards for 43,330 Masons who have ever petitioned in Michigan for the Chapter degrees or for affiliation. By this method the secretaries of Chapters were relieved of an immense amount of work, which some secretaries would have refused to do. Companion Wilson also pictures his card cabinet and a sample of the cards in his system.

They have solved the difficult and annoying proposition of changing membership on the organization of new Chapters under dispensation by practically adopting the system which prevails here in Michigan. That is, the Chapter grants to each Companion wishing to join the new Chapter a "Certificate of Permission to join with others in forming a new Chapter," yet the membership does not lapse until said Chapter is notified by the Grand Secretary that the new Chapter is organized. By this method there is no dual membership, neither is the Companion obliged to sever his connection by dimit until he is safely recorded in the new Chapter.

The Finance Committee appropriated the sum of $1,000 for the expenses of the Grand Representatives and headquarters at the General Grand Chapter.

A group picture of the appointive officers which just retired is published in the Proceedings.

It must be Grand Secretary Wilson expects some more deaths as he has provided one page of the memorial tablets with a black border but did not appear to get enough customers to fill the blank space.

The Annual Review is by Companion Matthew M. Miller and of our Proceedings of 1908 he says:

> The Michigan volume is always a handsome one. That for 1908, in addition, appears to us to be faultless. The picture of Grand High Priest Charles Cottrell is one that attracts. The group picture of the Grand Officers is an array of wisdom,

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beauty and youth that could not be improved if arrayed in the "garments" lately discarded in that jurisdiction. We see in the faces before us excellent timber for future Grand High Priests. We note in the twenty-two Past Grand High Priests who have gone to higher jurisdiction the names of many known to and loved by us. They wrought well, God give them rest in His kingdom.

He thinks the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star who are working for the Michigan Masonic Home "line up well with the Kansas Sisters."

THOMAS G. FITCH, Wichita, Grand High Priest.
ALBERT K. WILSON, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY, 1909

Ninety-Second Annual. LOUISVILLE. October 19th, 1909.
95 Chapters. 7311 Members.
LABAN T. EVERETT, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest reports the death of Companion Thomas Todd, who is the oldest living Grand High Priest as well as Grand Master in the state of Kentucky. He died April 29, 1909.

A special dispensation and service was used for installing Grand Secretary Grant into office. The ceremony was performed by the High Priest of the newly organized H. B. Grant Chapter, U. D. Companion Grant is to be congratulated upon his namesake and the honor conferred.

In treating the subject of the inspection of Chapters the Grand High Priest expresses his judgment that their present system is almost, if not an entire failure, as he received reports of the inspection of only 34 or about one-third of the Chapters of the state. It is difficult to find an excuse for this as the Grand Chapter pays all expenses. He further expresses the opinion that a fine should be inflicted upon such Chapters as refuse to arrange a date for

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inspection. He granted the request for the restoration of two charters, and a dispensation for one new Chapter. He recommended a revision and re-arrangement of the constitution, rules and regulations.

Grand Secretary Grant finds considerable trouble on account of frequent changes in the regulation governing rituals and finds that:

> **Although the present law might be amended so as to meet the requirements, more in harmony with the wishes of a few, and acquiesced in by many, I suggest that it would be better to "suffer the evils which we have than fly to others that we know not of."**

That is a very sensible conclusion. He recommended that the library and collection of proceedings of the Grand Chapter be turned over to Grand Lodge and what little furniture Grand Chapter possesses given to the library in consideration of the fact that Grand Chapter had not paid any rent for the space occupied by it.

The committee on inspection concurred in the opinion of the Grand High Priest and recommended a fine of $500 on each Chapter that willfully refused to make a date for inspection. They further expressed the "opinion" that the inspectors were not worth what they cost the Grand Chapter and that each Chapter should be forced to bear the expenses as long as the present regulation remained on the statute books, but it was finally decided to continue the system on trial for another year with the fines added.

The Finance Committee appropriated $500 for expenses of representatives to the General Grand Chapter. The committee did a noble act in making the following appropriation and recommendation:

> **The Grand Chapter of Kentucky having resources valued at $23,560.00, which fund is increased at the rate of about $3,000.00 per annum, and having no definite end or aim in view for the use of same, and recognizing our obligations to our aged and infirm, we heartily endorse the resolution offered by Companion S. K. Veach, and recommend the appropriation by this Grand Chapter of the sum of five thousand dollars to**

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the Old Masons Home of Kentucky, payable under the terms and conditions provided in said resolution.

We further recommend that this Grand Chapter request of the Board of Directors of the Old Masons Home to provide for the wives of those of our brothers, who, by misfortune become inmates of our Home, by allowing them to accompany their husbands and live with them in the Home as the wards of the Fraternity, to the end that each may be a comfort to the other in declining years and that the Fraternity put not asunder what God hath joined together. Provided, Such action may be taken by said Board without materially disarranging the plans for the government and maintenance of the home.

This is just the broad principle which many believe should be recognized and more generally observed in the government of our Michigan Home. Kentucky maintains two Masonic Homes, one for aged Masons, which has twenty inmates, and a Widows and Orphans Home which provides a home for 146 boys and 116 girls and 20 widows. Every Mason in the state of Kentucky pays $1.00 toward the support of this glorious work. Every Mason in Michigan pays 15 cents per year toward the support of the Michigan Home.

The following good provision was made for the protection and care of the rituals.

Every year, immediately before each annual election, every Companion holding or having receipted for a ritual shall actually deliver the same to the Secretary, who shall then cancel the receipt previously given for the same, and shall reissue the rituals (one each) to such installed officers as may be designated by the High Priest, and take a receipt in the minute book therefor, designating by number the book so delivered to each. When a ritual is surrendered to the Secretary, the receipt therefor shall be canceled. It is hereby made the duty of each High Priest to personally see that this rule is complied with.

In the annual return, the Secretary shall report the number of rituals that have been received, and the number receipted for as hereinbefore provided. Failing so to do, the Chapter shall pay a fine of $1.00 for each of such omissions.

An invitation for the Grand Chapter to have its picture taken was accepted and the Past Grand High Priests

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were requested to wear the jewels the Grand Chapter had presented them.

Companion Bernard G. Witt, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter was introduced and received with Grand honors.

The annual "Report of the doings of Grand Chapters" is the handiwork of Companion W. W. Clarke. Michigan for 1909 is given a fraternal review of one page. In commenting upon Companion Brackett's recommendation in making the Grand Secretary the "Secretary of State" of the Grand High Priest he says:

We confess we do not like it. We do not believe in conforming our Order to the etiquette, if that be the proper term, of the Department of State of civil governments. The Grand Secretary, we take it, is in no sense a Secretary of State—he is the Secretary of the Craft. Nor do we think the Grand High Priest is, by any hitherto recognized custom of Masonry, so highly exalted above his brethren as to be approachable only through a grand dignitary called Secretary of State or by any other name; regal airs are not becoming to Masonry.

The following is clipped from his conclusion:

In the writing of the report we have endeavored to let the actors in the proceedings reviewed speak for themselves, hence there will not be found therein much original matter; indeed, except where, to our mind, it was imperiously called for, as where some principle of Masonic law was involved, or fact of Masonic history disputed, or act of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky was questioned, we have not obtruded our opinions. We believe the experiment was not altogether successful; and should the Grand High Priest devolve on us the duty of writing this report next year, we will pursue another plan.

His next report will be perused with interest.

G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Lexington, Grand High Priest.
HENRY B. GRANT, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

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LOUISIANA, 1909

Sixty-Second Annual. NEW ORLEANS. February 2nd.
30 Chapters. 2700 Members.
C. C. CRAMER, Grand High Priest.

The frontispiece of this volume is the ministerial countenance and dress of the Rev. C. C. Cramer, Grand High Priest. His address is an excellent one and touches many topics. He reports the death of their Grand Scribe, Companion Littleton C. Allen.

Here is his decision on the quorum question:

> No Chapter shall transact business, other than opening and closing and conferring degrees, unless nine members of that particular Chapter are present, but that a Chapter may open and close and confer degrees with less than nine of its members present; provided, there are nine Royal Arch Masons present, some of whom may be members of different Chapters.

He refused to allow a Chapter to lower their annual dues from $3.00 to $2.00 as it was clearly manifest that $2.00 would not properly meet the necessary expenses of the Chapter. Look up the information table in this volume and see how many Chapters in Michigan try to subsist on less than $2.00.

Under "State of the Order" he says:

> My criticism of our Order is this: we do nothing to impress our capitular degrees on the candidate. They are rushed through the work and sometimes receive the entire four degrees at one convocation. The profound and useful lessons, to be taught by the degrees, are entirely lost. Large numbers of our Royal Arch Masons never appear in the Chapter again, and are only known as such by the keystone that they are permitted to wear.

He makes the following recommendation on the manner of receiving degrees and preparation therefor:

> I would recommend that hereafter, except for the most extraordinary reasons, candidates receive the Mark Master's degree at one convocation, the Past Master's degree and the Most Excellent Master's degree at a second convocation and the Royal Arch degree at a third convocation; moreover, that all

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candidates, before taking the Royal Arch degree, be required to pass an examination on the three previous degrees, and that Royal Arch Masons be required to pass an examination on the Royal Arch degree thirty days after they are exalted; all of these examinations to be conducted in open Chapter.

His remarks on the ritual question are apt and timely, particularly relating to the matter of a cypher ritual.

The Committee on Work in 1895, according to the record, prepared a work based on the teachings of Comp. John C. Gordy, of treasured memory. Copies of his work were made in script with blank spaces for sacramental secrets. This is the work which the committee of 1908 has re-adopted with the few changes. Yet the committee has failed to dispense their Masonic light and knowledge to their less informed Companions. We have not access to the rich arcanum and must flounder along with such glimmers of light as we receive from other sources.

Personally I must express my preference for the work of the General Grand Chapter. I believe, however, in being wisely conservative as well as intelligently progressive. I do not wish to commit the sin of sacrilege by flying in the face of traditions which are esteemed as "hallowed" and "sacred." Yet, with all due deference to those who contend for the Louisiana work, I must expose the weakness of their arguments. They object to cypher and yet write most of their work out in full, faintly at times disguising the sacramental secrets. But it is said these written copies are only for the use of the Committee on Work and the Grand Lecturers, and are locked up securely when not in use; yet death has removed one of our beloved Companions who possessed this precious treasure, and is now lost, possibly in the hands of a profane.

I turn back to the proceedings of this Grand Chapter in 1896, I read with admiration the strong address of M. E. Comp. High Priest A. C. Allen. His passage at arms with M. E. Comp. J. H. Drummond, of Maine, over the work of the General Grand Chapter, is a warfare of giants. It has been my custom to take the opinion of Companion Allen as an ipse dixit, I would rejoice to be in agreement with him now. I must, however, exclaim "tempora mutantur." Would I could complete "et nos mutamur in illis." The days of provincialism should cease. The world itself is struggling for a universal language. Witness the rapid growth of Esperanto. Human progress is sadly hindered by a babel of tongues. Great inventions have

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abridged distance and practically annihilated time and space. We speak of our neighboring States as foreign jurisdictions; and long will they continue to be so in other than the diplomatic sense, if your Grand High Priest is not qualified to work in one of their Chapters with the same Masonic proficiency as in one of our own.

But it is contended, how can we use the cypher of the work of the General Grand Chapter without violating our obligations. But what is that obligation in regard to cypher? It is the same as regards letter, character and figure, and concludes "whereby the secrets of Freemasonry may be unlawfully obtained." It seems to me that those who are using letters, characters and figures in their written work are "Straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel." In fact, a cypher code has generally been regarded as the greatest safeguard to secrets. The mysterious characters of the Ark were nothing but cyphers to be interpreted by a key. In time of war when the revelation of a secret may cost a battle and cause the fall of a nation, cyphers are employed. Such excellent authorities as Thomas Smith Webb justify the use of the cypher, and one dear to the hearts of all Louisiana Masons, Collins T. Hines, left in my possession much of the Master's degree in cypher. And why the use and the authorization of cypher by these distinguished men and Masons? Because memories are not generally phenomenal and miraculous, and the transmission of secrets from mouth to ear only, would be but another confusion of tongues.

The report on correspondence is by Companion Herman C. Duncan, but for some reason he reports Michigan unaccounted for. I cannot account for it either as three copies are always sent by express in one package to the Grand Secretary.

GUS D. LEVY, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.
RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1909

Eighty-Fourth Annual. PORTLAND. May 4.
60 Chapters. 9204 Members.
FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest is a firm believer in official

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visitations. He reports the Chapters in the most prosperous condition, and says:

> I am convinced to the loyal and painstaking efforts of the officers, and in consequence of the system of the regular inspection of each Chapter in the Jurisdiction at least once a year. I find that a visit of a member of the Grand Chapter acts as an incentive to the companions to do better work, to attend in larger numbers, and knowing that they are to be visited by a different officer each year, who has had an opportunity to observe how other Chapters work, spurs them on to their best endeavors lest they fall behind their companions in their rendition of the work. I cannot speak too highly of this system which has wrought such a marked change in the work of the subordinate Chapters.

He granted dispensation for one new Chapter and referred two more to the Grand Chapter. He reported one school of instruction held in which there were sixteen Companions present from seven Chapters. This seems to us to be pretty small representation when compared with some of the schools of instruction we have in Michigan.

The Grand High Priest officially visited six of the Chapters, the others being divided among the remaining officers. He recommended that attention be given to the issuing of a certificate or diploma in the nature of a traveling card instead of the old one for framing purposes. There seems to be a steadily increasing demand for certificates of membership to be produced when Companions visit other Chapters, particularly in the eastern states. While it is not according to "Ancient Landmarks" it seems to be a growing necessity to cope with the exigencies of our modern civilization.

He recommended a liberal appropriation for delegates to the General Grand Chapter and a sum of $300.00 was appropriated.

Twenty-four pages of the proceedings are devoted to reports of Grand Officers and District Deputies on visits of Subordinate Chapters. The Finances are in excellent condition, showing cash and securities of over $11,000.00. The charity fund also has $6,798.23 to its credit.

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Grand Secretary Stephen Berry arraigns some of the Secretaries for disturbing his peace of mind by writing him to inquire about the assignments of their Chapters for visiting purposes. He tells us:

> **Four copies of the assignments were sent to each Chapter June 1st and each secretary should have kept one and not have written for the name of the visiting officer in December, as one did, saying he had not been notified. It implies a neglect of duty, also, in the High Priest not to have communicated earlier with the visiting officer.**

Alas, Companion Berry, 'twas ever thus. Even us Grand Secretaries sometimes make mistakes.

An excellent report is given by Companion Herbert Harris for the Committee on Memorials. He gives good notices of the four deaths of Past Grand High Priests in our Jurisdiction.

On recommendation of the committee the matter of traveling cards was deferred for another year.

At the meeting of the Grand Council of High Priesthood twenty-two candidates were received and annointed. This body seems to be in a better financial state than most of them, having over $1,000.00 in its treasury. Their regulations require that all candidates must present a certificate of election and installation under seal of the Chapter, and be present at that meeting, if not present at that or the ensuing annual session, the election lapses.

The annual review is the artistic work of Companion Herbert Harris and is his seventh production. I can go you one better, Companion Harris. Michigan for 1908 received two pages and a half of fraternal review. He still disagrees with us on what constitutes a member of a Chapter, U. D., and when a membership in the old Chapter terminates. Well! if we agreed on every thing what a tame world this would be. He quotes Companion Schultz of Maryland that Companion Conover gives but little comment of his own. Don't forget, Companion Harris, that I have to write these reports for the craft of Michigan and not entirely for the other correspondence report-

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ers, although I have to give them a dig occasionally when a good opportunity presents. The report of Companion Harris is up to its usual high standard. He still objects to our "Withdrawal Certificates," which deprives a man of his Capitular standing. We can only say that they are not obliged to take such a certificate unless they want to.

FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Portland, Grand High Priest.
STEPHEN BERRY, Portland, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1909

One Hundred and Twelfth Annual. BALTIMORE. Nov. 18th.
23 Chapters. 3138 Members.
JOHN W. LINTHICUM, Grand High Priest.

The fore part of the volume is devoted to the records of a special convocation held in the new Masonic Temple for the purpose of dedicating the Capitular apartments of that building. The following is of historical interest:

The oldest record extant of the formation of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Maryland, is that instituting Washington Chapter, No. 1, at Fell's Point, dated April 9th, 1787, which, in 1822, united with Concordia Chapter, No. 5, and formed the present Concordia Chapter, No. 1.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland was instituted on June 24th, 1797.

The corner stone of the old Masonic Hall on St. Paul street, between Fayette and Lexington streets, being the first erected in Baltimore, was laid on May 16th, 1814. It was dedicated on November 29th, 1822.

The corner stone of the "New" Masonic Temple was laid on November 20th, 1866. Two years later the building was occupied without any formal dedication, and on Christmas, 1890, it was nearly destroyed by fire.

The reconstructed Temple was dedicated to Freemasonry by the Grand Lodge of Maryland on September 12th, 1893.

On January 18th, 1908, it was again nearly destroyed by fire, and it was then determined by the M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, Gen. Thomas J. Shyrock, and the Board of Managers, to reconstruct the Temple as near fireproof as

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possible. It was this building that was dedicated to Freemasonry by the Grand Lodge, in the presence of the Grand Masters of twenty-seven Grand Lodges, on November 16th, 1909.

A beautiful half tone of the Capitular apartments forms a frontispiece of the proceedings and it shows that the apartments are complete in every detail.

An excellent address, appropriate to the occasion was delivered by Past Grand High Priest Allen. The writer's name is among those who were invited and "accepted with thanks", but were unable to attend owing to unforseen circumstances.

He does not fully approve the use of a form of receipt for dues embracing a certificate of membership with the Chapter seal attached and says on the subject:

In regard to this request, and my reply, I desire to call the attention of the Grand Chapter of Maryland to this custom, now quite a common one in many Western and Eastern Jurisdictions. These receipts, under seal, are largely used for identification in requesting admission to Royal Arch Chapters by visiting Companions. I suggest, without recommendation on my part, an expression of desire on the part of this Grand Body as to its wish in this matter—namely, whether Subordinate Chapters shall be permitted to issue receipts for money under Seal of the Chapter or not.

Grand Lecturer Dukehart visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction and found all in a healthy condition.

The Grand High Priest recommended an increase to $200.00, the amount allowed Companion Schultz for his annual review, with an allowance for an amenuensis.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers report on the matter of receipts for dues as follows:

The practice of affixing the seal of a Chapter to a Companion's receipt for payment of dues, to the end that the receipt may be used as a certificate of good standing in visiting away from home, is in our judgment reprehensible and should be at once prohibited.

The use of a Corporate seal has always been jealously guarded. It imports the absolute verity of the instrument to which it is attached, and is only used upon documents of im-

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portance, authority and dignity. Attached to a certificate of membership for travelling purposes it is usually accompanied by the photo or signature of the holder as a means of identification. Even then it should be fortified with the certificate and seal of the Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction whenever used outside its limits.

Attached to so unimportant a paper as a receipted bill for dues, the seal of the Chapter loses its character and value. As these receipts are renewed from year to year or oftener, and not carefully guarded by the owner, it would be easy to use them improperly by any one so inclined, and bogus applicants for relief might readily and effectively profit by them.

If a visiting Companion is unable to prove himself worthy by the usual means known to the Craft, any number of receipted bills for dues ought not to aid him, whether impressed with the genuine seal of the Chapter or with a simulated device employed by an imposter.

It is to be regretted if such a practice obtains in other Jurisdiction, but we recommend that it receive the "seal" of condemnation in our own.

Now Companions, you can see what Maryland's idea is of the importance of a receipt for dues. It was further made a standing resolution as follows:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter condemns the use of the Chapter Seal upon receipts for dues and prohibits such use.

When a Companion's Masonic standing is based on his membership in a Chapter and such Chapter does not issue diplomas, as some of our English and Eastern cousins do, what evidence is a Companion to have of his present membership if not based on a receipt for dues, and if a receipt for dues assumes such importance as it does in some Jurisdictions, is it then too insignificant to be charged with the grave duty of bearing upon its face the imprint of the Chapter's "sacred seal?"

As it was largely through the personal effort, energy and zeal of Companion Thomas J. Shryock that the Grand Chapter has been provided with their beautiful and appropriate quarters, a committee was appointed to procure suitable engrossed resolutions expressing the appreciation of Grand Chapter for his invaluable services.

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The report on correspondence is again the work of Companion Edward T. Schultz and covers 78 pages. Though totally blind, was able to prepare the report with the aid of an amenuensis. Michigan for 1909 is fraternally reviewed in one page. He comments on the fact that there are but few opinions expressed in the annual review of that year and says: "This is in compliance with the law of this Grand Chapter". No, Companion Schultz, not law, but criticism of some kindly meaning Companions.

His conclusion is very touching.

I experience a keen sense of gratification as I ask my amanuensis to write the "conclusion" of my thirty-third Report on Correspondence to the Grand Chapter, and twenty-third to the Grand Lodge.

My heart overflows with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that my physical health is better than it was a year ago and my mental vigor fully equal to that of former years.

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Since the loss of my eyesight, just twelve years ago, my Brother Correspondents, with scarcely an exception, have expressed their sympathy in the kindest manner, often accompanied with high commendation of my labors. Some of these I have from time to time quoted in my reports, not from motives of personal vanity, but as an acknowledgement of their kindness and fraternal regard.

Some twenty-five years ago some one dubbed the Reportorial Corps a mutual admiration society. While fulsome adulation or flattery is not to be commended, to every right thinking person praise given to one's best and conscientious efforts, especially to his views and opinions formed after long years of study, is not only pleasant and agreeable, but is healthful, as it stimulates us to renewed efforts in our field of labor.

Yes, it is the occasional word of commendation and encouragement that spurs us on to endeavor to improve and to renewed activities. Being one of the oldest correspondents, he naturally misses each one of the older ones as they leave. He says:

The death of Companion Cunningham leaves four octogenarians still in the Guild; William Y. Titcomb, of Alabama; William A. Davies, of California; Thomas M. Matthews, of

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Texas, and myself. We have all passed the eighty-second mile-stone, and it is quite certain that we will not be able to prepare many more reports, but our dear venerable Brothers will unite with me in the hope and prayer to our Heavenly Father that when He causes the pen to fall from our lifeless fingers we may be found acceptable in His sight through the merits and mediation of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah; and that it may be said of us, that in the hundreds of pages we have written we were ever actuated alone by the interest and welfare of our beloved Fraternity.

WILLIAM B. KING, Hagerstown, Grand High Priest.
JOHN H. MILLER, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1908

One Hundred Tenth Annual. BOSTON. December 8th.
78 Chapters. 20818 Members.
BALIS SANFORD, M. E. Grand High Priest.

An effort was made to amend the constitution to allow any one of the first three officers of the Chapter to cast the votes of any absent representative, as is done in Grand Lodge, but the committee to whom it was referred thought the present regulation providing for personal proxies, the same as we do in Michigan, was preferable. The committee said:

Your committee in considering this amendment were not unmindful of the fact that it is the rule of the Grand Lodge to allow the Master, Senior or Junior Warden of a lodge to cast the vote of the absent officer or officers; and, further, that the duly elected proxy may cast all three votes in case the Master and Wardens are absent. This rule has never obtained in the Grand Chapter. Why the framers of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, knowing as they undoubtedly did the custom of the Grand Lodge, chose to establish a different rule does not appear, but it was undoubtedly for a good and sufficient reason.

Your committee is of the opinion that the provision of the Grand Chapter in this respect is a wise one, because it puts a separate and distinct personality behind each vote. Further-

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more, your committee is of the opinion that no amendment to the Grand Constitution should be made unless it can be clearly shown that such amendment is for the best interest of the Grand Chapter.

It does not appear the welfare of the Grand Chapter or of its Subordinate Chapters has suffered in the least degree from the requirements of the existing rule relative to proxies.

The Jurisdiction lost three by death. The Grand Scribe, Henry P. Brown; Past Grand High Priest, Arthur T. Way, and Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Chas. A. Welch. Of the latter it is noted that he graduated from Harvard University at the unusual age of 18, and died at at the extraordinary age of 93. In 1838 he formed a law partnership which lasted for fifty years.

A new set of officers' collars, jewels and aprons was ordered. The Grand Lodge was supported in its endeavors to establish a Masonic Home. This seems like ancient history, the proceedings are so old, for the Home has since been purchased and occupied. A beautiful summer hotel, "The Outlook," which cost $400,000 to build and equip, was purchased complete for $65,000.

The following amendment was proposed, which should meet with approval:

"No candidate shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason by any Chapter under this Jurisdiction who shall not have first recorded his Mark in the Lodge Book, nor for a less sum than twenty-five dollars; provided, nevertheless, that within the territorial limits of Boston, and in any of the cities or towns now included in the First Capitular District the fee shall be not less than forty dollars, and no candidate shall be balloted for until such fee shall be paid, and no note of hand shall be taken by any Chapter for the fees, or any part of the fees, due on the exaltation or advancement of any candidate."

They work the degrees against time down there. The proceedings state:

The work of the Mark Master's Degree occupied one hour and fifteen minutes, the lecture fifteen minutes, the replies to questions and closing twelve minutes.

The work of the Past Master's Degree and lecture occupied

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thirty-four minutes, that of the Most Excellent Master's one hour and two minutes.

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Work was resumed in the Royal Arch Degree at two thirty o'clock and closed at four fifty-five o'clock, when the Grand Lecturers and their assistants vacated their stations to the Grand officers.

In speaking of the work of the Grand Lecturers in exemplifying the degrees and giving the lectures the Grand High Priest observes:

In this connection, let me remind the officers of the several Chapters here represented of what I presume most of you already know, that there is in the keeping of the Grand Secretary a full, complete, and authorized Ritual of all the Capitular degrees, together with the lectures accompanying them, which you are at liberty to inspect, and I would recommend a frequent perusal of this Ritual.

Yes; take a train and run down to Boston from Springfield, Pittsfield, Greenfield, North Adams or Holyoke, when you have a few minutes spare time to study your ritualistic work and if you happen to arrive during the office hours of the Grand Secretary he will let you examine THE RITUAL. Or to bring the simile nearer home, you Companions in Detroit, Saginaw, Cheboygan, Sault Ste. Marie, Calumet or Iron Mountain just run down to Coldwater and I will show you THE RITUAL which Benjamin Porter and his committee prepared for the Grand Chapter in 1867, from the work adopted in 1854, and from which our printed rituals were evolved. They seem to think in Massachusetts that it is a violation of an obligation to publish a ritual for each Chapter, but if it is, is it not just as much so to have a copy in the Grand Secretary's office for inspection? I grant that it is not quite so liable to become a center table or mantle ornament, as a printed ritual is. Companion Waite says on the subject:

We cannot, however, concede the necessity of a general distribution of Rituals throughout the Jurisdiction when we take into consideration the labors of a paid Grand Lecturer,

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whose whole time is devoted to the needs of the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand High Priest feelingly referred to the terrible fire calamity that visited the city of Chelsea, in which 800 buildings were destroyed, 1500 families driven out and 10,000 people made homeless on that Sabbath day of April 12th, nearly the anniversary of the great calamity that befell our California brothers. He issued a call for assistance and says:

This calamity was the opportunity to display that warmth and intent of fraternal sentiment which finds expression in the hearts of men at such a time. The afflicted city became the centre of thought, and from every direction came the aid and assistance so much needed. I take this opportunity of expressing to you in this public manner, and in behalf of this Grand Chapter, its hearty thanks for the ready and generous response to this appeal, and for the liberal contributions received which were placed in the hands of the committee, for the benefit of our suffering Companions.

Several instances came to my notice of worthy Companions who had lost every earthly thing they possessed, upon receiving a donation from this fund, expressing their gratitude with tears streaming down their cheeks.

It was my privilege to attend the first meeting of the Chapter after the disaster, which, by the courtesy of the Masonic fraternity in East Boston, was held in their Lodge room, and I was greatly impressed with the thought, that the Great Architect of the Universe has implanted in the breasts of men an indomitable spirit before which all obstacles and difficulties disappear like mist before the sun; and today we find the Masonic fraternity of Chelsea planning for the erection in the near future of a grander and more beautiful Masonic home. The total amount contributed was $2,440.25.

On account of sickness and death in his family he was obliged to decline many invitations to visit Chapters. How little we realize what is before us. The writer had the pleasure of sitting with Grand High Priest Sanford at the banquet board in Savannah and returning on the same train as far as Richmond, during which time he appeared in best of health and spirits, yet he had only just reached home when, on November 16th, he was summoned hence

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to join with those so recently departed. "In the midst of life we are in death." Companion Sanford was unanimously re-elected, but did not complete his second term. Massachusetts has lost a noble Companion.

Grand Secretary Waite presents his eleventh annual "Report on Foreign Correspondence". Michigan receives a splendid review of nearly six pages. He quotes liberally from Companion Brackett's address. He follows the decision regarding when a Companion's membership ceases in his old Chapter on joining a Chapter U. D. and finds that the Jurisprudence Committee approved of it, but he is not satisfied that it is good law and says:

> First, a Companion, member of a Chapter, may join with others in petitioning the Grand Chapter to grant a dispensation to a sufficient number of Companions to form a new Chapter within the territorial Jurisdiction of another Chapter, believing the interests of Capitular Masonry will be furthered thereby, said Companion never intending to sever his membership from his own Chapter. Again, should he become a petitioner for a dispensation to form a new Chapter, intending to become a Charter member thereof, we hold that he should not dimit from membership in his own Chapter in order to do so, but that his membership should be held in abeyance in his own Chapter during the term of the proposed new Chapter's dispensation, then, should he wish to become a Charter member of the new body, will come the time for him to dimit from his Chapter and join in the petition for a Charter in the new organization. Thus he avoids a complication that might exist provided the new body failed to receive a Charter and the body of his first obedience declined to receive him again into membership. We would not have the law so construed that a Companion could lose his membership by any possibility of becoming a petitioner for a dispensation for a new Chapter. A Chapter that has been instituted may never be chartered.

Your conclusions, Companion Waite, are far fetched. In the first place, new Chapters are organized in either unoccupied or overcrowded territory and the signer of the petition must have previously made up his mind that he desires to be a member of the new Chapter and must sever his membership in the old. By our laws he

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must be one who proposes to help make the new Chapter and "no others need apply". Should, by any unforseen circumstance, the situation arise that the new Chapter should not become chartered the member is ipso facto returned to his former membership in the old Chapter. He can't lose out and no spite can keep him out.

He does the writer this honor. Thanks:

A great amount of valuable information to the Companions is gleaned from the Proceedings reviewed and much is added in useful comment upon matters quoted. Those for whom the review was written cannot fail to gain in knowledge by a careful reading of the report, which closes as follows.:

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BAALIS SANFORD, Brockton, Grand High Priest. (Since died.)
J. GILMAN WAITE, Boston, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1909

Forty-Eighth Annual. ST. PAUL. October 12th.
70 Chapters. 7753 Members.
JEROME E. COOLEY, Grand High Priest.

Although this is the forty-eighth annual convocation it is the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest personally consituated three new Chapters chartered by Grand Chapter and he issued a dispensation for a new one, all of which indicates that Capitular Masonry is on the move in that state.

The Grand High Priest finds that the time of the annual convocations of Chapters are scattered all through the year and advocates that the Grand Chapter should create a uniformity by legislating for all annuals to occur in September, the end of the official year. It seems curious that it should be otherwise.

He recommends that Grand Chapter procure per-

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manent membership in the Masonic Home by payment of $250.00, and be entitled to a member on the Board of Managers. Michigan has just had a fire calamity by the burning of her Masonic Home at Grand Rapids, throwing out about sixty inmates in midwinter.

It was voted:

It was voted that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota extend a cordial invitation to the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America to meet in the City of St. Paul in 1912, at the time of year fixed by the proper officers of the General Grand Chapter.

The committee was there, but the invitation was deferred to the claims of Indiana, thus showing how "Brothers can dwell together in unity".

Minnesota was well represented at the General Grand Chapter and held open house to visitors, among them being "yours truly". Besides Minnesota carried off the plum, as Companion Nathan B. Kingsley was honored by being elected General Grand High Priest, and three years ago Minnesota also was honered by having the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council. Now Michigan! "Where are you at?" Don't sit back in the corner and sulk and wear out your fingers chewing on 'em, but get up an dust.

On the subject of Grand Representatives the Grand High Priest said:

Does the term mean anything? If so, the Companion who receives the honor of an appointment should attend the Grand Chapter at least once in three years. I would therefore recommend, that the matter be taken up and that other Grand Chapter be requested to revoke the commission of all Grand Representatives who have failed to attend this Grand Chapter for the past three years and issue commissions to other Companions in their stead. I believe that it is proper to bestow favors upon those who show by their actions that they appreciate them.

They seem to average about the same in all Jurisdictions and the question often arises, "Of what use are

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they''? Michigan has so far held aloof from the system.

He closes his report with this splendid sentiment, which should be ''pasted in the hat'' of every Companion:

We are all too apt to be careless of our speech, oftentimes making, "many times in jest," some slighting or unsympathetic remark regarding a Companion which is often misunderstood and misinterpreted by those who do not know us, or the Companion spoken of, thereby causing a wrong impression, and doing an unintentional injury to an innocent Companion.

We cannot be too careful of speaking our thoughts and I might add too generous with our smiles. A bright smile or a hearty handshake will do more to dispel the clouds of sorrow from the brow of a heartsick and half discouraged Companion, than a whole flower garden planted around his bier after he has died of a broken heart, from the neglect of those whom he had a right to expect would cheer him while traveling through this vale of tears.

Grand Secretary Fishel makes a splendid report which shows him to be a painstaking Grand Secretary. He has moved into new and commodious offices in the new Masonic Temple and suggests an appropriation for furnishing them in keeping with the other appointments. Why not let John furnish his own office? Just think of the honor of his position, and then too he will be in that nice new Temple.

The returns show 544 exalted and a net gain of 392.

The new Grand Chapter of Wyoming was given fraternal recognition.

The exercises commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Chapter were held in the evening at 8 o'clock. The proceedings of those exercises were published in a separate volume, which has just arrived and is a valuable addition to Capitular literature, particularly Companion Cooley's paper on the history of the degrees. The book also contains many portraits and sketches of its Past Grand High Priests.

The Finance Committee made liberal appropriations, some of which were: For furnishing the Grand Chapter's share of Grand Secretary's office, $600.00; Masonic Home,

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$250.00; expenses General Grand Chapter delegates, $500.00; Assistant Grand Secretary at salary of $200.00; Grand Secretary's salary, $800.00; Foreign Correspondence, $100.00; salary Grand Treasurer, $100.00.

Companion Cooley was appropriately "Jeweled" by General Grand High Priest-to-be Kingsley.

The annual review is again the handicraft of Companion Irving Todd. I want to stop right here and commend his arrangement of the same. He has carefully supplied a heading at the top of each page giving name of state reviewed and also furnishes an index as well. No trouble to find what you want. I wish they would all pattern after his model. Michigan for 1909 receives a page of his attention in a sort of running fire of "Hurry! hurry! There that's done" style.

JAMES RIDLER, St. Paul, Grand High Priest.
JOHN FISHEL, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1909

Sixty-First Annual. MERIDIAN. February 18th.
71 Chapters. 3813 Members.
CHARLES H. BLUM, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest found a deplorable condition existing in Macon Chapter. No meetings were held, no dues were paid and no sign of restoration of harmony, so he recommends that the charter forfeit and "that no certificates be issued to the individual members until they have discharged their moral obligation by paying their pro-rata of the indebtedness." Good! Some individual members seem to think a contract with a Chapter is not a contract with an individual. As the Grand High Priest says: It is "morally if not legally" and as Masonry is a science of morals veiled in allegory it should not let the allegory obscure the morality, but must stand for a moral contract as tenaciously as for a legal one.

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He calls attention to the enormous amount of work performed by the Grand Secretary, the increased cost of living, the increased salary of clerical force and recommends an increase of $250.00 in the salary.

His inability to make official visits is accounted for in this:

I regret exceedingly my inability to report any visitations. Close confinement to my business interests, and financial inability, particularly the latter, has of necessity kept me at home. I neither anticipated nor expected such condition. It was my intention, during my term of office, to visit a number of Chapters, but alas, "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a glee," and as there is no available contingent fund at the disposal of the Grand High Priest, and my own funds not permitting it, I had to deny myself the pleasure and the Craft the benefit resulting from official visits.

That future Grand High Priests may be relieved of such contingencies I recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) be set aside as an annual contingent fund for the Grand High Priest to use in the discharge of his official duties.

Of the Masonic Home he says:

The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home is no longer a "Utopian Dream." Here in the beautiful city of Meridian, justly styled the "Masonic center of our Commonwealth," after years of struggles, and hope, we find the fruition of our labors. The dream of years has ripened into fulfillment. The magnificent structure, that offers a haven of rest to Masonic widows, and a home to Masonic orphans, stands as a living evidence of Masonic love for Masonic teachings. Notwithstanding the dark commercial depression out of which we are just emerging, with grim determination the Craft has responded to every call, enabling the workmen to complete their task and erect a home to "The Glory of the Great I Am," standing, in its completion, as an inspiring monument to the Mason's hope, the Mason's faith and the Mason's charity.

In erecting this magnificent structure we have built a home for our children and it will also be incumbent upon them, as well as us, to maintain it. Let us then earnestly perpetuate the hopes of our departed co-laborers, the fruition of our labors, by an earnest effort at proper maintenance, thus setting an example that our children's children may aspire to emulate. Our departed Brethren and Companions put forth

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the fiat, "It Shall Be." Blessed be the name of the Great I Am, which enables us to say: "It Is;" and let Masonic posterity throughout Mississippi Jurisdiction proclaim for centures to come: "It shall continue to be."

Grand Secretary Speed reports the year as one of unusual prosperity. More Chapters made returns and paid dues on time than ever before. He purchased an entire set of regalia at a cost of $172.50.

This is that resolution referred to by Warvelle under "Illinois":

Whereas, The M. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi, upon recommendation of Grand Master E. J. Martin, withdrew fraternal relations with the W. M. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, on account of said Grand Lodge holding fraternal relations with a Lodge in its Grand Jurisdiction, which permits the making of negroes Masons in said Lodge; Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in Annual Convocation assemb'ed, do, and hereby does, heartily endorse the action of the M. W., the Grand Lodge.

Further comment than he made is unnecessary. (See Illinois review.)

The Annual Review is by Companion DeLap. In opening he says:

The work has been a hard one, owing to the thousands of pages that have necessarily passed under our ken. What we thought would be of interest as well as beneficial to you we have clipped or summarized, to a limited extent, an extent necessarily small because to copy or comment on all that has been said, written and done in this field during the past year would extend this report to unwarrantable length and wear out your Reporter besides. We are not nearly as young as some of you, or as we were awhile ago, hence you must not expect us to slosh around as generally and as fully as some do. We submit it for what it is worth; if you will read it you will be wiser, possibly better as a result, but it is not likely that many of you will do so, but that we can't help.

Michigan for 1908 is tenderly treated. He says Companion Cottrell's address is "a short resume of a quiet and creditable administration". He finds he permitted some "to take the lightning express through the ballot

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box", but he endorses it. He also notes the decision as to the number that may work in each degree and says: "This may be good law, but it does not sound right to us, but we will let it pass." Commenting on the reference to the financial situation as reported by Companion Cottrell he says:

> This looks billious, at first blush, but when we glance at the Treasurer's report we find that he held a balance of more than $7,000. It strikes us that they ought to be able to pull through especially if they lop off the double mileage and per diem now allowed to each Chapter; that is, the payment of two delgates instead of one, as we do. However, all this is purely domestic and beyond the pale of our business.

Of the Annual Review of that year he comments:

> This title pleases us and is the nearest approach to a sensible one that we have seen, and we suggest its adoption in our bailiwick.

EDWIN J. MARTIN, Meridian, Grand High Priest.
FREDERICK SPEED, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI, 1909

Sixty-Third Annual. JOPLIN. April 27th.
106 Chapters. 11428 Members.
ALFRED H. WHITE, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest reports the death of their oldest Past Grand High Priest, Companion Martin Collins, at the age of 82 years, also the death of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Companion P. R. Flitcraft. The work of the year totals a net gain of 622. The by-laws provided for the sum of $2500 to be paid to the Grand Lecturer for salary and expenses. The previous year it was increased to $2,750, but the law was not amended. The Grand High Priest, however, authorized its payment, trusting to Grand Chapter to support his action, which it did. He made a large number of visitations which are re-

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ported in detail. One new Chapter was started under dispensation. No decisions worthy the name were called for. He feels that some change should be made in the Jurisdiction of some of the Chapters, calling attention to the matter as follows:

There are a number of Chapters in our State today which are like the unprofitable servant who hid the talent given him, that he from whom it was received might not profit thereby. There are worthy Master Masons in this State who desire to receive the Capitular degrees, but who are prevented from so doing because living within the jurisdiction of Chapters that will not or cannot confer the degrees and cannot or will not get together a quorum, hold a meeting, waive jurisdiction and permit a live and progressive Chapter to confer the degrees.

To amend the law so that any Master Mason in good standing and a resident of the State and not living in a city or town where there is a Chapter, can petition any Chapter in the State for the degrees, would benefit live Chapters and possibly spur others into activity, but even if it simply resulted in the survival of the fittest, it were better to have a less number of Chapters, and those active, than to continue on our rolls those who do not cultivate but only cumber the ground they occupy.

With the $6,000.00 appropriated last year the Grand Chapter has paid to the Masonic Home of that state the sum of $20,000.00, which is a splendid showing for a Jurisdiction a little over one-half as large as Michigan.

The Grand High Priest suggests the following changes in their by-laws, some of which could well be considered in this Jurisdiction:

We now provide for forfeiture of Charter if a Chapter fails to meet for twelve months; Chapters should be required to meet at least once in three months; meeting only annually a Chapter becomes only a manufactory of Past Officers.

Chapters should be required to notify their members by U. S. mail of each meeting and at least three days in advance.

No Companion should be permitted to hold office of High Priest more than three successive terms.

A Chapter failing to confer degrees for two years should by that act forfeit its right to exclusive jurisdiction.

Any officer of a Chapter should be permitted to resign.

Per capita tax should be paid on entire membership and no

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deduction allowed on account of remission of dues. To remit the dues for inability to pay is charity, and under our law as it is at present deduction of the per capita tax is permitted, but there is no more reason why this Grand Chapter should be required to bear a portion of the burden, when the charity of the Chapter takes this form, than when a donation is made direct from the treasury for the relief of a Companion.

He digs into the matter of fraternal correspondence report and quotes from the address of Grand High Priest Harlowe of Wisconsin. Evidently he has not been getting the kind of report he likes personally, but it is the same old story of trying to please everybody.

A neat little half tone cut of the Masonic Home of Missouri is printed with the report from the trustees. This report shows an expenditure of about $200 per capita for the year. The number of inmates, old and young, at time of report was 156.

The Grand Lodge increased its per capita tax for Home maintenance from fifty cents to seventy-five cents. Michigan Grand Lodge pays fifteen cents per capita and Grand Chapter ten cents per capita.

Grand Secretary Stevenson's report covers fourteen pages. The statistics are analytically arranged for an accurate determination of all details.

An amendment was offered making the annual dues to Grand Chapter $1.00 per capita. The Committee on ritual report having re-written the historical portion of the lecture of the Royal Arch degree and re-arranged other portions of the work of that degree, the work was adopted and ordered taught by the Grand Lecturer. The new ritual was ordered printed and three copies furnished to each Chapter.

The committee appointed on a resolution to determine what action could be taken by Grand Chapter tending toward an increase of its usefulness, made an extensive report. It went into details by a table comparing the number of Royal Arch Masons with the number of Master Masons in each state by percentage. This table shows

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that there are six on a par with Michigan, whose percentage is 32. The highest is Rhode Island, whose percentage is 50, and the lowest is North Carolina, with 11 per cent. This shows that Michigan is above the average taking into consideration the size of the Jurisdiction. The committee thinks that any Chapter that will have an evening of entertainment occasionally, or secure some Masonic student to deliver a lecture or address on Capitular Masonry cannot fail to keep up interest. A social evening occasionally when the ladies are invited is also recommended. The committee also deprecates the holding of the High Priest's chair by some incumbents for so many years in succession; that it kills the interest of members who might be in line for promotion and they recommend a by-law limiting such term not to exceed three years. The committee concludes with the belief as expressed the previous year that if the Grand Chapter could finance a Masonic publication until it could be put on a paying basis and circulated among the 50,000 Master Masons of that Jurisdiction it will have taken the greatest stride to solve the question of "how to increase its usefulness". That question brings us plump up face to face with the question: "How many Master Masons are reading Masons?" They figure that a sixteen page issue with cover, published monthly, would represent an outlay of $10,890. Read, ponder and reflect! Another year was taken to consider the matter.

A special committee to whom the subject of Foreign Correspondence was referred, concluded their report with an amendment to the by-laws to read as follows:

The Grand High Priest shall, after his installation, appoint one Companion as a Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, who shall make his report not to exceed one hundred pages of the proceedings at the next Annual Convocation. He shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of two hundred dollars, provided that no officer of the Grand Chapter shall be eligible to such appointment.

Poor Grand Secretary! It takes the work of writing

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the correspondence report out of his hands, but he still has a salary of $1,500 and may survive. It will take, however, a cracking good writer to literally follow the instructions and injunctions and avoid the criticisms and cussings expressed in the reports and still hold the attention and present the uniformly good and interesting report that Companion Stevenson did. We will all watch with interest the result of the experiment. It is, however, very true that the Grand Secretary can devote his time to other work very profitably, but he receives no further compensation for that extra time which he formerly had but is now given to another.

The provision was made by law so that an officer can resign.

The Finance Committee recommended appropriations for allowance to Grand High Priest, $400.00; rent Grand Secretary's office, $350.00; salary and expenses of Grand Lecturer, $3000.00; clerical assistance Grand Secretary, $500.00; refurnishing office of Grand Secretary, $300.00; printing and distributing Ritual and Monitor, $800.00; expenses and entertainment representatives to General Grand Chapter, $700.00.

As stated, the correspondence report is by Grand Secretary Stevenson and his fourth offense. Michigan for 1908 is fraternally reviewed.

The following regarding our late lamented "Brother Hugh" is interesting:

Within the last few days the daily press has announced the demise of that grand old man and Mason, Companion Hugh McCurdy, of Corunna, whose commission from Missouri as her representative was never recalled although that Grand Chapter abolished the system. It is likewise only a very short period since he acknowledged the receipt of our proceedings by his own hand and expressed great regret over the loss of Companion Collins, extending sympathy. We had formed the habit in the last year or two of first looking in the Michigan proceedings for the kindly letter which we felt assured was there. It is there this year but he is gone. Next year the roll

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of honor will contain another name, but the monument is completed in the memory of those who knew him best.

He thinks the report of the Grand Lecturer would be improved if made more specific by exposure of the incongruities observed.

VAN FREMONT BOOR, Kansas City, Grand High Priest.
ROBERT F. STEVENSON, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1908

Eighteenth Annual. BUTTE. September 17th.
17 Chapters. 1363 Members.
J. BENTON LEGGAT, Grand High Priest.

MONTANA, 1909

Nineteenth Annual. HELENA. September 15th.
17 Chapters. 1457 Members.
FRANK B. LEWIS, Grand High Priest.

The proceedings of two years are embraced in one volume. On account of the death of Grand Secretary, Cornelius Hedges, extra work devolved upon his son of the same name which caused a delay in the first publication.

Grand High Priest Leggat urges the Chapters to be careful in selection and election of officers and select good workers and not good fellows. He recommends that the word "August" be used instead of "Sublime" in connection with the term "Royal Arch Masons".

Grand Secretary Hedges found the library cases installed were a vast improvement over the open cases formerly in use. I agree with you Companion, from my own experience.

A reproduction of the last photograph of the late Grand Secretary was used on the badges. Two excellent photogravures of the two Grand High Priests which served are published in the proceedings. Companion

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Lewis is a minister and offers good ministerial mandates and religious advice on material matters. He believes in the principle of having no laws on the statute books which are not to be obeyed. On the subject of proficiency he says:

The law requiring proficiency, then, was well repealed if it was a dead letter. But it certainly is lamentable that our new members are not required to know anything, for it can do no good to teach a man a form or two for him to repeat immediately. He will not remember it. Besides, that which is taught is only what is practiced at the opening and closing of every Chapter. One will learn that in any event, if he attends Chapter. I think some definite matter should be assigned to be committed to memory, as we do in the lodge, in order that a man may have something to enable him to work his way into a Chapter, and that he may have some foundation upon which to build. Almost universally the lectures are omitted. I think there are not more than two or three Chapters in the state where the lectures are given the candidate with the degree. I think these lectures should not be regularly omitted. I think they are too long to require that they should be entirely committed by the candidate, but a part of each might be given as a catechism to be learned, with good results.

I like his remarks on the black book and they are right to the point:

I found some Chapters that had never heard of a Chapter Black Book. Most of the Secretaries do not keep the Black Book written up. I found only one who ever knew of the Black Book being referred to, or thought it was of any use. Such a list in order to be of value must be complete. In case of a new Chapter, it could only be complete by the making of a list from the beginning of our Grand Chapter, or by keeping the list from the starting of it, until all had died whose names would have appeared in it before. One searches the Black Book to learn whether any misfortunes have ever befallen a Companion. If he finds his name there, he knows of course; but if he does not find it, what assurance has he that it would not have been there, had the book been old enough, or had the list been complete? I can see no use for a Black Book in the Chapter; I think it would be better if there were but one such list in the Jurisdiction, that in the Grand Secretary's office, and I think the Secretaries of Chapters have enough to do without keeping it.

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This subject is worthy of attention in our own Jurisdiction.

He has no patience whatever with the idea of using substitutes nor with a law permitting the same. He is willing that every man should be ruled by his own conscience and not his, and says: "But I wish the General Grand Chapter had never attempted to make a conscience for us in this regard." Do as we do in Michigan, Companion, and prohibit substitutes altogether. He decided that re-elected officers need not to be installed.

Grand Secretary Hedges found it impossible in connection with his other duties to perform the work of the office and requested that some other Companion be chosen for the position, but Grand Chapter decided otherwise and he was re-elected and the salary doubled to $400.00 which included the correspondence report.

No correspondence report is printed in the present proceedings.

EDWARD C. DAY, Helena, Grand High Priest.
CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., Helena, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA, 1909

Forty-third Annual. OMAHA. December 15th.
OSCAR R. ALLEN, Grand High Priest.
56 Chapters. 4242 Members.

As usual a fine steel engraving of the retiring Grand Master forms a frontispiece of the proceedings. These steel portraits give a depth and roundness that cannot be excelled by any other process and are certainly works of art, but are a little expensive for Michigan yet, so we will have to forego the pleasure.

The Grand High Priest thought his labors had been light and nothing out of the ordinary routine had occurred. His offer to visit all Chapters that would request

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him to do so, met with but few responses so he considered that he was not wanted.

On the subject of the Masonic Home he says:

I do not hesitate to say that the Home is well managed, is doing a great and noble work, and is entitled to such assistance from the Grand Chapter as it can render. We have a committee whose duty it is to consider all matters connected with the Home, and to make recommendations to this Grand Body.

Dispensations for election and installing officers which were granted led him to make the following recommendation:

I recommend that Chapters be required to pay more attention to the time fixed in our law for election and installation of officers. Of the ten special dispensations issued by me, six would have been unnecessary had the Chapters asking for them used due diligence. Our law provides that installation of officers shall take place any time after the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, prior to January 10th following. It is not necessary to install officers at regular meetings, and Chapters should not wait until the last day fixed by our law before installing their officers.

I recommend that Chapters be admonished to make the conferring of the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry a solemn and serious matter, and that no levity be permitted in or about the Chapter halls during the ceremonies.

As usual, Grand Secretary White makes a very complete report. He states that the articles of incorporation of the Home provide for twenty-four trustees in the place of twelve and that the new members have taken great interest in the Home, regularly attending the monthy meetings of the Board of Trustees, "freely giving of their time and money and pay their personal expenses in order to successfully manage the affairs of the Home."

It has been the practice in Michigan for some years for each Grand Body to pay the actual expenses of its own representatives in attending Board Meetings.

It is suggested by him that "when funds will warrant or some good brother feels like donating a sufficient sum,

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a good, substantial iron fence should be put around the ground belonging to the Home." There is an opportunity for some charitable Brother.

Grand Lecturer McGinnis presents a short report in which he says:

It has become apparent to me, however, that some improvement might be made in the Subordinate Chapters in the way of requiring candidates to more thoroughly familiarize themselves with the lectures contained in the several degrees. By so doing the candidates would be in a much better position to visit other than their own Chapters, and a greater interest would also be manifested by them.

The Committee on Grand Chapter office made the following report:

We, your Committee on Grand Chapter Office, fraternally report that we have examined the office of the Grand Secretary and find that it is in first-class condition, well supplied with all of the necessary furniture and general office equipment. An appropriation was made at our last annual session to purchase a rug for the office of the Grand Secretary. This has been done, and we know of nothing more that is needed at this time.

During the year the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha put steel ceilings in both of the rooms used by the Grand Secretary, and painted the woodwork of the walls, and the office is now a credit to the Grand Jurisdiction. We recommend that the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha.

The Committee on Finance made the following appropriations: Expenses Grand High Priest, $100; Expenses Grand Lecturer $100; Committee on Correspondence, $100; Grand Secretaries' Salary, $500; Grand Secretaries' Clerk Hire, $200; Masonic Home, $1,000; Printing and Electrotyping Proceedings, $550.

Companion Martin Dunham, one of the nine Companions who formed the Grand Chapter ir 1867 was introduced and addressed the Grand Chapter, recounting some of the interesting incidents connected with the formation of that Grand Body. An interesting relic in the shape of a diploma from a Royal Arch Lodge held in Glasgow, Scotland, 1796, was presented to the Grand

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Chapter by Mrs. Owens and a reproduction of the same covers a page of the proceedings. It reads:

"The High Priest, Captain General and Grand Masters of Royal Arch Super-excellent Masons' encampment held in Glasgow under the sanction of warrant No. 239 on the registry of Scotland do hereby certify that our dearly and well beloved brother, Joseph Sin Klar, after duly passed the chair in our said Lodge, installed into the mysteries of a Royal Arch Super-excellent Mason after having withstood with valieur and fortitued the amazing trials attending his admission into said mysteries, etc."

The Annual Review is by Companion Charles J. Phelps. Michigan for 1909 is reviewed in two pages. He says Companion Horace S. Maynard, Grand Lecturer, submits a very full report "showing that good things said of him by the Grand High Priest are deserved." He quotes the writer's reply to Companion Haines, of New Jersey, on the subject of "Ritual tinkering."

JULIUS J. WILSON, Broken Bow, Grand High Priest.
FRANCIS E. WHITE, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1909

Thirty-Sixth Annual. CARSON CITY. June 7th-8th.
9 Chapters. 410 Members.
PEAVIS B. ELLIS, Grand High Priest.

This Grand Chapter does pretty well with such limited membership. These nine Chapters paid in $797.00, almost $2.00 per head. What would Michigan think of that when they now pay fifty cents. At that rate we would have an annual revenue of over $40,000.00.

The Grand High Priest reports a very satisfactory year. He visited most of the Chapters and travelled 1,200 miles to aid in rehabilitating Keystone Chapter, but figured that the results were worth the effort. He ordered a duplicate charter and asked Grand Chapter to approve of the action as no precedent had been established. It

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did. He recommended some uniform ritual for the Jurisdiction. He favors that of California. A committee was appointed to investigate.

The Annual Review is by Companion A. D. Bird, who succeeded Companion Vanderlieth. He covers fifty-five pages with his review of the doings of others. Michigan for 1908 is given two-thirds of a page. One question and closing of the review are quoted. He quotes under Canada the report of our special committee on the Canadian trouble and notes its amicable settlement.

JAMES C. DOUGHTY, Elko, Grand High Priest.
CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWARE, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1908

Twenty-first Annual. SAINT JOHN. August 26.
8 Chapters. 681 Members.
ANDREW McNICHOL, Grand High Priest.

Like many Grand High Priests, this one declared his "intention" to visit every Chapter in the Jurisdiction, but for several reasons found it inconvenient to do so. His address is mostly of local interest.

Grand Secretary Hartt reports 83 exalted with a net increase of 63, which is better than 10 per cent and is certainly very encouraging.

Amendments to the Constitution were introduced providing that no two degrees should be conferred upon any candidate at the same convocation, unless one of the degrees be that of the Past Master. The amendment is all right as far as it goes, but why make the exception of the Past Master Degree? If there is any degree in the repertoire which should have attention, it is that same degree of Past Master. If it is worth conferring at all, it is worth conferring in good form with plenty of time and attention given to it. If it is not given in good form, it

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most certainly should not be mixed in on the same night to spoil other degrees. Separation is the best in either event.

This Grand Chapter publishes no Correspondence Report.

At a meeting of the Grand Council of High Priesthood four candidates were introduced and anointed.

GEORGE ACKMAN, Moncton, Grand High Priest.
J. TWINING HARTT, St. Johns, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1909

Ninetieth Annual. CONCORD. May 18th.
26 Chapters. 4144 Members.
CHARLES H. SINCLAIR, Grand High Priest.

A special convocation was held in Keene as a school of instruction for the purpose of exemplifying the several degrees. The music was rendered by the Schubert Quartette of Boston.

At the Annual Convocation Companion Josiah L. Seward, the Committee on Correspondence, is recorded as a "Visiting Companion." Strange.

The Grand High Priest calls attention to the financial condition which he says should be corrected and the necessity of borrowing funds each year obviated. The financial report shows an income of $1,745.40 and expenditures of $2,575.04. The Finance Committee recommended an increase of the exaltation fee to $3.00 each, instead of raising the per capita tax so that the increase would be borne by those Chapters which were prosperous and had plenty of exaltations. In other words it is a tax on prosperity.

Something new in the line of reports was that the Jurisprudence Committee had nothing to report on. This should indicate harmony and a stable condition of legal affairs.

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The record of the meeting is signed by Companion Frank D. Woodbury, and is his last as he suddenly received his final summons to that "place of refreshment and rest" on November 19, 1909. He was a noble character and a personal acquaintance had created great admiration for him on my part. Gradually the Grand Secretaries whose names have been on our list for years are dropping their working tools and laying aside their aprons which show years of incessant labor for the benefit of the craft, and others are called to take up the work and carry it on to completion. Seven years have already made quite a change in the list of Grand Secretaries since the writer has taken an active part and still more so in the ten years previous in which he was associated with the work as assistant. Companion Woodbury was elected Grand Secretary in 1899 and served faithfully and well.

As stated, the Annual Review is by Companion Seward. In opening his report he truly observes:

> **Our Masonic work brings us into close contact with all kinds of human nature, brings into relief all classes of desires and inclinations, and exhibits instances of unweening ambition and selfishness, on the one hand, while it displays types of the most exalted manhood, the most praiseworthy self-sacrifice, and the noblest altruism, on the other hand. It is the duty of a reviewer to seek to draw valuable lessons from all these experiences and to endeavor to keep the best ideals and the most helpful features of our institution constantly in sight of the brethren.**

He does not use index headings in the report, but possibly we must blame the printer. It is much easier to omit them.

Michigan for 1908 is given nearly six pages of review. He finds it worthy of comment that all but one Chapter was represented, also that the list of Grand Representatives present was not published. There were none there, Companion Seward, we don't have 'em. We find there is just as much good fellowship without them. The fact is our Grand Council has the system and Grand

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Chapter does not and I cannot see a particle of difference in the respect and good will and fraternal feeling between them and other Grand Bodies of the same Rite. It is an unnecessary excrescence which can be removed safely and conveniently without the necessity of an anesthetic.

He quotes Companion Cottrell's words about manner of conferring the degrees and says:

Every true Mason will say "Amen" to all the sentiments expressed in these quotations. They may be thought commonplace, but no advice is commonplace until the occasion for it has ceased to exist. Happily we are approaching that time. "Time was" when it was unusual for a body of men to dine by themselves without the infusion of coarse jests and ribaldry into the post-prandial exercises. Masonic circles did not furnish an exception to the rule. Through the earnest efforts of the better class of Freemasons, aided greatly by the noble efforts of many chief officers, such conduct is becoming scarce. The genuine spirit of Masonry is asserting itself more and more, not only in the matter of conferring degrees, but in the matter of post-prandial exercises as well.

It will make Companion Maynard feel better to have this support and approbation even from another Jurisdiction:

The Grand Lecturer, R.·. E.·. Horace S. Maynard, read an extended report of his visits to about forty-eight different Chapters in various parts of the state. It is clear from his recital that he put a large amount of work into the performance of his duties. Much good must have resulted from these labors; much good to the Craft we mean; we are not so sure that all of these forty-eight excellent suppers were beneficial to his health. He did, what we wish all Grand Lecturers would do, and were capable of doing, he called attention to the mistakes which he found in the ritual and requested authority to make the needed changes, which was granted. This is something in the line of duty of a Grand Lecturer which we are glad to see introduced. Too many Masons look upon a ritual as they would a fetich and get into the habit of believing that the whole thing is a landmark, whether the syntax be good or bad, or whether the copyist misspelled or omitted words or substituted wrong words. We are glad to see Grand Lecturers take up the work of suggesting the elimination of such in-

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felicitous expressions and the substitution of correct forms of language.

He appreciates the difficulties of compiling a set of proceedings and says of ours:

On another page we find portraits of all the officers of the Grand Chapter upon a single plate, a remarkably good piece of work considering the difficulties involved. The statistical tables are much more complete than usual in such documents.

CHARLES H. SINCLAIR, Concord, Grand High Priest.
HARRY A. CHENEY, (acting), Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1909

Fifty-third Annual. TRENTON. May 12th.
38 Chapters. 5778 Members.
JAMES S. WARE, Grand High Priest.

Distinguished Grand Visitors from New York, Companions Charles C. Hunt, Henry D. Hamilton and George McGown were reported as present. I wonder what those New York fellows have been chasing around to all the Grand Chapter meetings in that part of the country for. Oh yes, I happen to remember that Companion Hamilton was afterwards elected General Grand Master of the First Veil at Savannah.

Death claims three distinguished Past Grand High Priests, Charles L. Chovey, Charles Bechtel and Thomas H. R. Redway.

The Grand High Priest established the good custom of taking along some of his associate Grand Officers at visitations and he made the following recommendation:

I recommended to the Subordinate Chapters more frequent invitations to the Grand Officers to visit them. These occasions are fraught with much good, and are beneficial to both Grand and Subordinate Chapters. Since the system of Grand and Assistant Grand Lecturers has superceded the regular visitations of Grand Officers, all too frequently the majority of the

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Subordinate Chapters never become acquainted with the Grand High Priest and his associate officers.

He also recommends the following in cases of the organization of new Chapters:

"The membership of the petitioners for a dispensation to form a Chapter shall be in abeyance in the Chapters to which they belong as soon as such dispensation shall issue. But the membership of such of the petitioners as, at the time of the presentation of the petition, were members of Chapters within this Jurisdiction shall revive in such Chapters in case a charter for the new Chapter shall not be granted."

The following is excellent from the report of the Grand Lecturer, Henry S. Haines:

The field of instruction has been diligently and successfully cultivated, gratifying evidences of increased interest and activity in the Capitular Work being clearly manifested and generally acknowledged. This is due in great measure to the indefatigable and judicious labors of the District Instructors, than whom more conscientious and painstaking Companions could not be selected. The earnest endeavors of these faithful officers might, however, have been less fruitful of good results had not the Grand Chapter wisely taken the determined stand to exact from its members increased respect for the true spirit and the traditions of Royal Arch Masonry, and sought to encourage them in a proper observance of its rules and its ritual.

Decided progress has been made in the acquisition and diffusion of the work, and in its more effective rendering. A steady recruiting has continued to the ranks of those who discountenance levity and lack of decorum in our solemn ceremonies. It cannot, of course, be expected to radically change in short time the nature of men, but, regarding the matter last referred to, our efforts have surely been successful in securing a higher appreciation and a better understanding of the proper indulgence of it.

Grand Secretary Grear made a general renovation by procuring new aprons for the officers, new jewels to replace those lost and repaired those out of condition, so that the Grand Officers now should present a very spick and span appearance.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was very

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conservative in deferring recognition of the new Grand Chapters of Idaho and Wyoming. How are you going to help it? The General Grand Chapter has created them and you can't help yourself.

A new jewel was ordered to replace one stolen from Past Grand High Priest Mason.

The labors of the Grand Secretary's office having greatly increased, Companion Grear was furnished with a typewriter, but he was careful to specify in the proceedings that it was a "machine."

A committee was authorized to prepare a suitable form for annual installation of Grand Officers. I wonder if it will ever be used in full?

The Annual Review is the work of Companion Henry S. Haines and in opening he says:

Companions—Refreshed with a temporary respite from our labors, and encouraged by the consciousness that the work of the reviewer has not been all in vain, we again assume the duty of transmitting to our Companions a knowledge of events transpiring in the Capitular world, supplementing our narrative with such comments upon practices observed, as we deem best calculated to set them clearly before the Craft, and to furnish them with reasons for the adoption or the avoidance of them.

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Some of the Correspondents seem to underestimate the value of their service; but we conceive that we should "magnify our office" and endeavor to make it, as it was evidently designed to be, a means both of the enlightenment and of the moral elevation of the Craft. Stimulated with this thought, let us all renew our labors with a still stronger purpose and a still higher aim.

He is very generous with Michigan, devoting five pages to a splendid review. He says:

A fine portrait of M. E. Charles Cottrell, Grand High Priest, fronts the title page of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Michigan for 1908, and is duplicated in a group of figures representing all the officers of the year. In the countenance of these are recognized a character of sober and deliberate manhood which would not be surrendered to the follies and

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frivolities not infrequently practiced or tolerated in some Jurisdictions. The dignity and judgment displayed in the transactions narrated in the volume referred to vindicate the good opinion thus formed.

He notes that one decision affirms the rule in New Jersey that it is a Chapter that is doing the work in any of the dependent degrees. He says: "We have never believed in payment of mileage and per diem to those attending the Grand Chapter." He feels that it is the duty of every Chapter to see that it has representation at its own cost. I should say that it does, for who furnish the revenue to pay mileage and per diem but the Chapters themselves?

He has a nice word for Companion Maynard:

Having carefully observed the industrious service of Companion Maynard, we are impressed with the great value to the Companions to whom he ministers. We enter fully into his feelings expressed in the close of his report as to the delicacy and tact required to make the service of the Instructor acceptable to the Craft.

Of the title given to the Annual Review he says:

We have observed the new nomenclature giving his report the title of "Annual Proceedings of Capitular Masonry," under which title we have read his carefully digested matter as far as District of Columbia without finding occasion for comment. Here we find an allusion to his desire to escape the old heading of his report, and a doubt that a committee should make a report in any other name than that by which it was appointed. Nor is the old name inappropriate. We have always felt that the functions of a reviewer, somewhat as the critic of a literary production, should not only narrate the occurrences observed by him, but to aid his Companions in their assimilation. He is supposed to inform himself by correspondence or otherwise of the right of other Jurisdictions to receive or to retain our friendly recognition, and to ascertain by such means facts that should affect our mutual relations with them, and in that and other ways to render himself the guardian as well as the informant of the Craft, and we conclude that the old appellation might profitably remain.

I supposed the Grand Representative system covered that point.

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His hope of having an opportunity in 1909 of renewing and increasing the acquaintance with this writer formed in Boston was realized at Savannah.

SAMUEL G. RUDDEROW, Camden, Grand High Priest.
LEONARD L. GREAR, Passaic, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO, 1908

Eleventh Annual. ALBUQUERQUE. October 21.
12 Chapters. 796 Members.
JAMES G. FITCH, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest read his address to the representatives of ten chartered Chapters. He complains that the Subordinate Chapters do not call upon the Grand High Priest for more frequent visits. As before stated in these pages the writer believes that a Grand High Priest should not always wait to be invited. If he thinks a Chapter needs visiting and the benefit of his instruction and suggestions it is his duty to call upon them and deliver the goods, providing of course, that his Grand Chapter has not placed undue restrictions upon him. As this Grand High Priest states, "The beneficial effect of such visits can scarcely be overestimated."

Emergent Convocations were held to constitute Penasco Chapter at Artesia and install its officers, also at Roswell for the purpose of installing the Grand Lecturer, Robert Kellahin.

He refused to grant a dispensation to a Chapter to receive and ballot on the same evening upon a petition of a Brother who was anxious to hurry through the Chapter and Commandery in order to join the Shrine which was soon to hold a meeting, however, he is not as strenuous in his advocacy of a hard and fast regulation as some are, as he says:

It is to be remembered, however, that the full lunar month for reference is not as imperative in the case of a petition for

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our degrees as in the case of a petition for those of the Blue Lodge, since with us the petitioner is a Master Mason, which of itself ought to be prima facia evidence of his worthiness, and he is besides very often a member of the same Lodge as the Companions, so that his character is well known by them.

He determined on assuming his office not to appoint any District Deputy Grand High Priests. He found no authority for it in the law and that the work for which they had been appointed had not been accomplished; namely the visitation of Chapters at least once each year. The previous year only one visit had been recorded. He says: "I am decidedly opposed to conferring titles in Masonry which appear to be regarded as purely ornamental." As his Grand Chapter has abandoned the principle of Grand Representatives they are at least consistent in such a belief.

Grand Secretary Keen reports that all the returns were received which show a total increase of 91 members, which is a splendid per cent of gain.

A set of By-Laws for Subordinate Chapters was presented and adopted to promote uniformity along that line among its subordinates. It is an old saying, "Ignorance of the law excuses no one." This Grand Chapter is at least going to make the endeavor to dissipate this ignorance by passing the following resolution:

That after election and prior to receiving the degrees, each Subordinate Chapter in this Jurisdiction shall furnish to each applicant a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws and approved decisions of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, and the Grand Secretary is directed to supply each Subordinate Chapter with a sufficient number of copies of such Constitution and By-Laws to enable such Chapter to comply with this resolution.

Not such a very bad idea either, but I am really wondering how many of the candidates will sit down some quiet Sunday afternoon and read them all through for their own information and improvement. Echo answers "how many."

The retiring Grand High Priest was properly jeweled with the customary ceremonies.

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There is no report on correspondence on account of continued sickness and death in the family of James H. Wroth, the committee, and he promises a double header for next year. Our sympathy is extended to Companion Wroth.

CYRUS D. BOUCHER, East Las Vegas, Grand High Priest.
ALPHEUS A. KEEN, ALBUQUERQUE, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1909

One Hundred and Twelfth Annual. ALBANY. February 2nd.
204 Chapters. 34099 Members.
WILLIS WOOD RICE, Grand High Priest.

The great attachment of a Past Grand High Priest for his "Alma Mater" is very touchingly shown when Companion Thomas Cassidy, who passed the chair in 1874 and who had been absent from the Jurisdiction for years, had traveled hundreds of miles, though in a weakened condition from long continued illness, to be present at that convocation and again feel the warm hand clasp and look into the faces of his associates of years ago. How can a true "Companion" have the heart to deny him such a privilege? Yet there seems to be some of such small calibre of generosity that they are willing and anxious to take away from such a dear old Companion the small amount of mileage and per diem which he receives to help make it possible for him to come. No, I don't mean that any New Yorker suggested this. They are built of different material, but it has been urged in Michigan.

The Grand High Priest reports a fruitful year. He says that he has but little business to report, but he takes thirty pages to tell it. A page is devoted to a eulogy of our lamented Companion Hugh McCurdy.

A new Chapter at Angola was added to the roll. The sum of $300 placed in his hands by Grand Chapter "for charitable purposes" was sent by the Grand High Priest

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to one "perfectly helpless and feeble in body." A noble act of Grand Chapter.

In view of the reticence of Scotland in advancing a tangible reason for refusing to recognize the Grand Chapter of Western Australia he thinks the time has now arrived for its recognition and a closer union.

In commending the labors of Grand Secretary Fox he adds:

While we cannot ask the Lord to spare him to us for forty years more, we would at least ask for twenty.

The report of the Grand Secretary is complete and full of detail. The net increase was 1299 and the total receipts $24,055.82.

Grand Lecturer McGown held eighteen District Conventions at which 61 per cent of the Chapters responded, and the sentiment was decidedly in favor of the convention system. In recognition of his 25th consecutive annual visit to Constitution Chapter, No. 230, he was made an honorary member.

On account of the sudden death of the president of a banking concern with which he was connected, the Grand High Priest was granted leave of absence at the close of the morning session. In the evening Grand Lecturer McGown presided and conferred the Most Excellent Master's degree in full form and entire ceremonial. As we have been struggling to improve that degree in Michigan, I should have been highly delighted to see the exemplification, but these good things cannot come to us all.

Upon the question of whether the printed Proceedings constitute sufficient notice to subordinates the Committee on Jurisprudence ruled:

After careful consideration your Committee has determined that the duly authorized printed Proceedings of this Grand Chapter have always heretofore, should continue to be, and are, authoritative and binding upon all Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction.

Inasmuch as the matter referred to us brings up a new question of procedure, it seems to require an explicit declara-

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tion of opinion. It is therefore the decision of your Committee that in cases determined by this Grand Chapter, affecting the status of a member of any Subordinate Chapter, the action thereon should be the subject of immediate notice to the Chapter to which such member or members may belong. The printed Proceedings cannot be compiled, printed and put in the possession of Chapters until several months have elapsed after the Annual Convocations. It is our opinion and we recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to send a notice in writing forthwith to the Chapter, any one of whose members has been suspended or expelled or otherwise disciplined by the action of the Grand High Priest or of this Grand Chapter, and that a Chapter so notified be directed to immediately amend its roll of membership in conformity to the action taken.

The Grand Chapters of Western Australia and Idaho were recognized and welcomed.

The sum of $1,000.00 was appropriated for clerk hire for the Grand Secretary in addition to his salary of $2,500.00 and a stenographer for the annual meeting.

The report on correspondence is again written by Companion M. I. Greenwood. It covers 82 pages for which he gets $350. Michigan for 1908 receives a good review or about $9.55 worth. He quotes Companion Cottrell's remarks anent the irregularities in conferring the degrees and heartily agrees therewith. He does the writer the honor to quote his conclusion in which the "Texas plan" is treated.

CHARLES C. HUNT, New York, Grand High Priest.
CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, 1909

Seventeenth Annual. CHRISTCHURCH. January 26th.
29 Chapters. 1168 Members.
C. J. GRIFFITHS, Grand Z.

This Grand Chapter, like many of the Grand Jurisdictions across the water is governed by the Supreme Committee which is the "whole works." They look after

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all the detail matters of the administration and report their action at the quarterly or annual Convocations as the case may be. This committee reports that it is impossible to ascertain the actual numerical position of the Jurisdiction at the time of closing the books, owing to several Chapters failing to make their returns. It is reported that a revival of interest in the "side degrees" has taken place.

The newly created office of Superintendent of Districts has been on trial during the past year and seemed to fill the expectations of its supporters. It cannot be said that during the sixteen years of the existence of the Grand Chapter there has been any extravagance in the decoration of its officers. The only expenditure under this head being clothing for the five principal officers which stands on the books at 14 pounds 11s. 6d. It was planned that aprons, collars and jewels be at once provided for the Grand Superintendents. It was figured that 100 to 150 pounds was necessary to provide this additional clothing and the latter sum was set aside for that purpose.

Grand Scribe E. reported that the rituals of the Ark Mariner and Red Cross degrees, which were nearly ready for issue, had been destroyed by fire.

The Journal of the Proceedings is a complete record of every word of each discussion no matter how immaterial.

The address of the Grand Z. is given immediately after his installation and is an address pure and simple, as the report on work is made by the Supreme Committee. A part of the address is herewith quoted:

The ceremony revealed to our accepted brethren is the honourable degree of M. M., which in the Mother Country is considered of such value as to merit a separate and distinct organization. Though to some extent overshadowed in our Chapters by the necessarily great importance attached to the exaltation, I do not think I am alone in regarding the Mark as a beautiful, interesting, and absolutely essential step towards the culminating degree of the H. R. A. Operative and Speculative Freemasonry is, to my mind, beautifully commingled in this ancient Rite. In former days, when the magni-

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ficent structures scattered over the Continent of Europe were being slowly evolved by the continued energies of the Stonemasons under the direction of their Masters, no thought was apparently given to the question of cost or duration of the work. It proceeded slowly but thoroughly as the years rolled on; Master Mason succeeded Master Mason, though evidently some continuity of plan was preserved and handed down with scrupulous care and fidelity. Let us picture to ourselves for a moment our ancient brethren meeting in the Lodge at morning and evening for prayer (of which custom we have ample evidence), and invoking their patron saint daily, then devoting all their energies to producing square work such only as overseers would pass.

Remember, each craftsman placed his mark on the stone he had hewn and shaped, cut and squared, and although in very many cases the stones have been placed in the sacred edifices with these marks inward, yet the marks remain inward and are plainly visible when alterations and repairs are made. Does not the G. A. of T. U. permit us so to fashion our material existence in this world; shall we not have to our present work, either hewn and shaped by the indulgence of our passions, or cut and squared by the exercise and diligent cultivation of the many truths and virtues taught within these sacred walls, finally to the Great Overseer, to be tried by His unerring square, either accepted and passed on as fit to form part of that structure, that ethereal mansion not made with human hands, eternal in the heavens, or, like the imperfect and unfinished work of the negligent, be rejected and thrown aside amongst the rubbish, even into the outer darkness.

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In the regular order of sequence the operative craftsman, having duly served his time, would in due course produce his essay or masterpiece, and aspire to a higher position. So likewise the Speculative, having given proof of his ability, passes from the Mark, through the veils of our Excellent, and applies to be allowed to participate in the rebuilding of the Temple. In Speculative Freemasonry in times now long past none but Past Masters were eligible for promotion to the Royal Arch. An American monitor says, "None but the meritorious and "praiseworthy; none but those who through diligence and in-"dustry have progressed far towards perfection; none but "those who have been seated in the Oriental chair can be ad-"mitted—a perfect knowledge of all preceding degrees being regarded as indispensable." These regulations were in time practically evaded by the constructive degree of P. M. being

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conferred, which now survives in the United States alone, the only qualification being the M. M. certificate. But Companions, whilst this safeguard to our privilege has been gradually abandoned no excuse exists for the relaxation of the other usual precautions. One who proposes another for membership in Lodge or Chapter without accurate knowledge of his character and reputation, and thus brings into our Order one who is possibly unworthy, commits an offence not only against the Lodge or Chapter, but against the whole of our fraternity. Whilst I am fully assured that every care is used in our Chapters, the principle is one that we cannot afford to overlook or forget for one single moment. The supreme degree of H. A. R. is said to be the culmination of all preceding Masonry, the ne plus ultra—nothing more beyond—and indeed, if we consider for one moment the meaning of our symbols and the subject of the addresses and lectures attached, we cannot doubt it. Does it not impress upon our minds a belief in the being and existence of the Omnipotent, who is without beginning of days or ending of years, the Alpha and Omega, the Aleph and Tau, the first and the last—Who was and is and ever shall be the one great and living God? Such being the case, Companions, how extremely important it is that our ceremonies dealing with the most holy and sacred of all subjects should be carried on only with the most scrupulous care and the utmost reverence—that no levity be permitted at any time, and, above all, that our sublime ritual be exemplified in such a manner as to give candidates an exact and true knowledge of the lessons sought to be conveyed.

SYDNEY CLIFTON BINGHAM, Christchurch, First Grand Principal Z.
HERBERT J. WILLIAMS, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1909

Sixty-First Annual. WINSTON. May 11th.
36 Chapters. 2244 Members.
JAMES C. BRASWELL, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest constituted a new Chapter at Gastonia and issued a dispensation for the revival and removal of Conoho Chapter to Williamston. He recommends

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a charter for a new Chapter at Waynesville and says indications point to the organization of two more Chapters U. D. This all indicates a condition of prosperity and progress in that State. The inspectors of Chapters are made by assignment to the several Grand Officers. He made only two official visits himself.

In closing his address the Grand High Priest said that scarcely had the sound of the gavel at the close of the Convocation died away when he was stricken with disease, and not until within the last eight or ten weeks had he had any real assurance of recovery. He therefore asks that the softened veil of Masonic charity be drawn about his shortcomings, and he is certainly entitled to it.

The Grand Lecturer reported that the work of his office had been very small during the year which he took as an indication of a prosperous condition and general satisfactory status of Royal Arch Masonry in that Jurisdiction.

The Committee on Education report on a young lady whom the Grand Chapter is educating at Greensboro State Normal College and from whom they receive the most favorable reports with prospects of a very desirable position when she graduates. They are also educating a young man taken from the Oxford Orphan Asylum. This good work should be with profit emulated by other Grand Chapters. There is no charity like that which helps one to help himself. An education given to an appreciative recipient is one of the grandest works in the line of charity.

An amendment was made to the constitution providing that Grand Officers shall receive two and one-half cents per mile, and no Representative to the Chapter shall be entitled to more than one-fourth of the aggregate amount of the Grand Chapter dues paid by his Chapter.

The Finance Committee appropriated $200.00 for the educational work and increased the salary of the Grand Secretary to $500.00. A recommendation was adopted that each Subordinate Chapter be required to present

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each Companion with a marked penny, also that a set of banners for the veils be presented to the Chapter showing the highest percentage of perfection in work.

The Correspondence Report is the 26th submitted by my old friend, Companion James Southgate. He uses state headings entirely at the top of the pages, for which he has the thanks of all reviewers. Michigan for 1908 is very fraternally reviewed. He agrees with Companion Cottrell that the list of fraternal dead and reports thereon belong to the Committee on Obituaries.

In commenting upon the eagerness of Michigan Companions to become proficient in the work he says:

> How important that is to success in any Jurisdiction. Would that the officers would exhibit more eagerness to obtain the work, but they seem to be rather backward in studying, and we often find many that are so mentally lazy that it is hard to find a Chapter with officers proficient in the Ritual.

Not so in Michigan, Companion Southgate. We have a large number of very proficient Chapters.

On the financial subject he says:

> It is rather amusing to hear the Grand High Priest complain of hard times in this flourishing Jurisdiction, and he thinks that "the time has come when we must look our financial condition squarely in the face," and he thinks that they hardly derived enough income from the annual dues to pay the mileage and per diem of two representatives to the Annual Convocations, and recommends that they allow only one representative from each Chapter instead of two.

He compliments the arrangement of the proceedings and reports as follows:

> Companion Conover, the Grand Secretary, is always among the first of his class, and his reports indicate a mind of superior order and well adapted to work of this character. His report is full and satisfactory in every respect. We find that a page of his report is a picture of the Grand Officers of 1907-08. It is a work of superior excellence and must be greatly valued, not only by the Grand Secretary, who got it up, but by the members of the Grand Chapter.

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The work of our Grand Lecturer Maynard is commended in the following words:

The report of the Grand Lecturer was read and received with great satisfaction. It shows the work of a true and trusty laborer, who has fulfilled his mission not only to the best of his ability, but to the satisfaction of all. Well done, good and faithful servant.

JOHN B. GRIGGS, Elizabeth City, Grand High Priest.
JAMES C. MUNDS, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1909

Twentieth Annual. GRAND FORKS. June 24th.
18 Chapters. 1932 Members.
FRANK H. SPRAGUE, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest reports the death of two Grand Officers, Grand Treasurer Alexander C. Mather and Grand Lecturer George L. McGregor. No suggestions of Masonic interpretation or dispute were submitted for decision.

On the subject of dispensations he says:

I am inclined to believe the necessity for such requests is occasioned by carelessness on the part of the officers, especially the secretary, who, if keen to his duty, would spare his Chapter embarrassment, and the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary unnecessary annoyance.

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There seems to be an impression existing with some of our Companions that the Grand High Priest is clothed with authority superior to the statutes, and that only his permission is necessary to justify irregular proceedings. It may serve as a matter of information to companions, not familiar with the statutes, and thereby be not out of place for me to state, that under our laws, a petition can only be received at a stated convocation, and balloted on at some subsequent stated meeting. Dispensation may issue, however, to substitute a Companion, in the exaltation of a team, in cases of emergency, which in nearly every instance will obviate all need for the "quick action" process.

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An excellent half tone group of the Grand High Priests of that Jurisdiction is printed in the Proceedings and embraces the features of twelve Companions who have been thus honored in that Jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Secretary is the last one made by Excellent Companion Frank J. Thompson, and is full of his characteristic expressions. He started off thus:

Doubtless many of us, before we became homo genus, were ruminants with double stomachs, and, as we lay in some shady nook chewing our cuds, we got into the habit of thinking, and thus we ruminate before getting tail upward for more active endeavor.

When Moses smote the rock before the congregation, and water gushed forth, and the people refreshed themselves, and the rebellious were brought into the fold, what lesson can we draw other than that trouble and discord among those with common interests needs but the waters of good-will, of toleration, and a little understanding of the workings of the human mind to bring peace and harmony. Very few in this world have big differences with others, have differences which touch the vitals of things. Generally it is only a little scratch, or bruise, but so covered with the dust of our imagination that fancy builds from cobwebs a structure it believes is stone. Just a little water will sweep the house away, and, like the olden story, the rebels in our minds are ashamed, or if manly, will acknowledge their faults. Except the Jewish Church, the Chapter more greatly represents the ancient Hebrew thought than any other organization in the world. We have tempered it with a newer light, and the warmth of which we trust is here among us today. Yesterday we felt, as Solomon is made to say: "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant," but the maturer today brings the knowledge "that the dead are there, and that her guests are in the depths of hell." Yet, we also read: "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise." Thus we pass on to the work of the day.

In noting the receipt of the return from Cheyenne Chapter ahead of time he says:

Companion Laurence G. Moultrie, our Grand Sentinel, is the Secretary of Cheyenne Chapter. An opportunity was presented to him to visit England this summer. In order to close matters before he left he took Time by the forelock, pulled

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out a few hairs and was obliged to buy a wig and report that work was done by his Chapter after closing his report. Companion Moultrie is not with us today, but is breathing the air which developed the Anglo-Saxon race.

On appeals and grievances he further says:

Our court room has so long been silent that cobwebs are woven over the bench, and lilies have sprung up between the cracks in the floor, and the Aeolian harp sounds its monotonous harmony as the winds of good will chase around its strings. The Committee on Grievances and Appeals have blinked out of the window, lo, these many years, awaiting the trouble that never came. This is one instance where "nothing to do," lacks inanity, and breathes with relief the dolce far niente.

In closing his report he digresses into the origin of ideas, the early history of the Jewish people and the traditions of the Royal Craft, and ruminates upon the indifference of the craft to the wealth of symbolism and correspondence to be found in our rituals and traditions.

A jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest by Grand Secretary Thompson and he pens the tale thus:

The Grand Secretary in the innoxious grandeur of a negative pregnant, mounted upon his pedal extremities, and functioning with his vocal organs, set the acoustic properties of the lodge room at work conveying his appreciation of the retiring Grand High Priest, and in the mortuary cadence of his conclusion, and in behalf of the Grand Chapter, presented M. E. Companion Frank H. Sprague with a beautiful Past Grand High Priest's jewel. The M. E. Companion responded as only one can respond whose heart beats in unison with the tenets of our profession, and whose every act is that of a gentleman and a Mason.

On the 25th of February, 1910, the writer received the telegram announcing the death of this distinguished craftsman and the premature closing of the labors of a most valuable worker in the Masonic Vineyard. Michigan extends sincerest sympathy to the Companions of North Dakota in the sudden bereavement. He was a faithful Grand Secretary and an excellent librarian and

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many good ideas in Masonic records have been received from him by the writer, although we never had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance.

There is no report on correspondence.

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR, Fargo, Grand High Priest.
WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1909

Fortieth Annual. HALIFAX. June 8th.
17 Chapters. 1200 Members.
THOMAS VAN B. BINGAY, Grand High Priest.

Grand Secretary Waddell presents this year an excellent half tone portrait of the Grand High Priest in the full regalia of his office, which includes the tri-colored sash. It celebrates their fortieth anniversary with an extra well printed proceedings throughout.

The Grand High Priest made full report on his many visits to Chapters. He issued dispensation to Prince of Wales Chapter to exalt "five triads" at a special convocation and at another time to exalt "six to seven triads with necessary substitutes". Prince Edward Chapter asked permission to meet and work at another town until there should be enough Companions who would fill the offices at the former location and the request was granted.

The Grand High Priest decided as dependent membership was not recognized, a dimitted Companion need not be a member of a Blue Lodge when applying for membership in a Chapter.

In making a decision on Physical Qualification the Grand High Priest said:

> I am amongst those who feel that lack of physical perfection should not deprive a worthy Master Mason from advancing in Masonic knowledge, providing he can comply with the requirements of the ritual.

He recommends a closer union between the Grand

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Chapter and the Grand Council of High Priesthood, and that all Companions qualified to receive the Order shall do so at their earliest convenience. In some Jurisdictions the installation ceremonies of the newly elected Grand High Priest are performed only in the presence of members of the Grand Council of High Priesthood, but the Grand Chapter of Michigan has heretofore paid but little attention to the Order as a body.

In calling attention to the new Masonic Home the Grand High Priest said:

> As you are all aware, this great Charity of the Free-Masons of Nova Scotia has at last been established at Windsor, N. S., and it is the duty of every member of the Order to assist in every way possible in seeing that sufficient funds are annually contributed to carry out the purposes of the institution in a liberal and generous manner. It is not a poor-house, nor an almshouse, but a Home, and the Fraternity should see that ample funds are supplied the management to enable them to maintain its home-like character. The endowment is small and every dollar contributed will be thankfully received by the Trustees.

This statement sounds good to us, particularly the iteration that it is not a "poor-house", but a "home". Evidently in that Jurisdiction it is not necessary that a brother Mason must be a pauper before he can be admitted to the Home. It has been suggested since the burning of our Home in Michigan that when re-established it shall be enlarged upon broader and more liberal lines in receiving inmates.

The Grand Chapters of Idaho and Wyoming were extended fraternal greetings and an exchange of representatives.

The sum of $200.00 was contributed to the Masonic Home.

Companion Waddell, we are now even. I find that each of us has the other's name spelled wrong in the proceedings. I will correct mine if you will.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the joint work of three members and Michigan was assigned to

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Grand Secretary Waddell, and he gives a good review of our proceedings for 1908. In noting Companion Cottrell's report that he was impressed by the eagerness of Companions to become proficient in the work he says, "Would that this could be said of all Companions. We have known some whose ideal to be attained was a minimum of proficiency if not a maximum of inefficiency."

Of the Annual Review of that year he says:

> Companion Conover's sixth report on Correspondence which he styles "Annual Review of Capitular Masonry" is another good one. If he discovers that the new title has given added fragrance to the rose, we hope he will let the "other fellows" know so that they may do likewise.

Well Companion, it smells better to me at any rate, the rest of you may smell for yourselves.

MALCOLM McF. HALL, Halifax, Grand High Priest.
S. J. WADDELL, Truro, Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1909

Ninety-Third Annual. EAST LIVERPOOL. October 6th.
168 Chapters. 28777 Members.
EDWARD H. ARCHER, Grand High Priest.

An unusually fine half tone of the Grand High Priest graces the proceedings. There was quite an array of the "nobility" received as "Distinguished Companions".

The Grand High Priest reports that on the 16th of August, 1909, Companion William M. Cunningham obeyed the final summons for all living. This Companion was widely known throughout the domain of Masonry through his many correspondence reports for the various Masonic bodies. His work was far above the average and he was a thorough student of Masonic literature.

Two Chapters were constituted by the Grand High Priest. At one of them he was assisted by a Michigan Companion, George O. Bryan, of Hillsdale. The 168

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Chapters were divided between 71 inspectors appointed for the work. A special blank form was required to be filled out by each and sent in. Seven thousand six hundred and three members were present at these inspections. In 128 Chapters the report to the Grand Secretary is recorded in the minutes. The ratings were:

	Fair.	Good.	Poor.
Opening and closing.....	29	134	4
Conferring Degrees.....	38	121	8

The total cost of inspections amounted to $529.

Horeb Chapter No. 3, one of the old originals, had become independent and attempted to secede from the Grand Chapter some years ago, but the trouble has been smothed over now. The Grand High Priest reports it thus:

Upon examination of the affairs of Horeb Chapter I found that at the annual convocation of this Grand Chapter in 1891 a duplicate charter was issued to the Companions of Horeb Chapter No. 3, who had notified the Grand High Priest of their loyalty to this Grand Chapter. I also found that at this convocation of the Grand Chapter a resolution was ordered, directing the Grand High Priest, W. W. Savage, to issue an edict ordering the Chapter to prefer charges against all members who upon proper notice should not disavow the illegal action of this Chapter and submit themselves to the authority of this Grand Chapter. I also found that no charges were ever preferred against these petitioning Companions, and that no notice had ever been issued to them asking their disavowal of the illegal action of their Chapter. As these petitioning Companions have now disavowed the illegal action of Horeb Chapter No. 3 in thus seceding and have declared their loyalty to this Grand Chapter and were, therefore, entitled to restoration on the rolls of the Chapter, on the 20th of February, 1909, I directed a letter to the High Priest and Companions of Horeb Chapter No. 3, asking them to make an examination of the records of the Chapter since the date of the annual report in August, 1890, and that unless they find charges have been preferred, that they be restored to the rolls of membership of said Chapter.

The Grand High Priest was present when President Taft was made a Mason "at sight" at Cincinnati.

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On September 10th, he accompanied McKinley Chapter of Cleveland to Detroit on its memorable visit to King Cyrus Chapter No. 133, on the occasion of the presentation of the "Traveling Triangle". This is a device intended to promote the exchange of fraternal visits between Chapters of different Jurisdictions. It was this writer's pleasure to be present upon this auspicious occasion and meet the Grand High Priest and his Companions from Ohio.

These are some of the recommendations made:

"The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall also appoint a foreign correspondent and historian, who shall serve for three years and until his successor is appointed; and he shall also appoint a committee on necrology, who shall serve until the close of the next annual convocation."

I also recommend that there be appropriated the sum of $250 annually for the purpose of procuring the services of a stenographer for the Grand Secretary.

That there be appropriated annually the sum of $400 to pay the traveling and incidental expenses of the Grand High Priest, and the sum of $300 to pay for a stenographer in doing the work incident to his official duties.

Also that there be appropriated annually as compensation to the foreign correspondent and historian the sum of $350.

Grand Secretary Hagenbuch reports a net gain of 1440 members. That doubles ours. He too has had his troubles with secretaries who will not make returns until bound and gagged.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Committee of Foreign Correspondence was reduced to one member and the Committee on Necrology was treated in the same manner. The reason for the change was that each report was written entirely by the chairman of the committee and that it was simply signed by the other members "without reading a line of it", and they drew mileage and per diem for such trivial service. In the interest of efficiency and economy the change seemed for the best.

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A regulation permitting only one to be obligated at a time in the Mark degree was adopted.

The following resolution accompanied by a special design for a uniform seal was adopted.

Resolved, That the uniform seal recommended by the Committee on Revision of the Code be adopted and its use made obligatory upon all Chapters hereafter constituted.

That it shall be at the option of any existing Chapter to adopt said uniform seal or to retain the one now in use by said Chapter.

The design is the usual circular form with the name, number and location of the Chapter in a circle. In the center is a keystone with the usual lettering, within which is a triangle having on its three sides the three names and enclosing the triple tau.

The next meeting place is Toledo and is near enough so that some of the Grand Officers of Michigan could make a fraternal visit.

The Masonic Home report shows inmates to be 73 men, average age 72½ years; 46 women, average age 74 years; 31 boys, average age 10½ years, and 24 girls, average age 12 years. Total 174, a gain of 14 over last year.

This is one of the ways Ohio entertains her Masonic orphans:

One of the most delightful events of the year was the excursion of the children to Cincinnati, upon the invitation of the brethren of that city, on the occasion of the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, October 21 and 22, 1908. On the morning of the 21st a special car was provided over the Big Four Railroad, and upon arrival the children were taken in hand by a special committee, conveyed to the Grand Hotel, where every attention, comfort, and convenience were furnished them, and, after resting a short time, taken by electric cars to Music Hall, where the sessions of the Grand Lodge were held, escorted to the stage, and there sang several songs.

There were few dry eyes in the immense hall when the children appeared on the stage and sang. Especially did "Home, Sweet Home" affect the brethren, all realizing that these tots are orphans of dead Masons, and our wards, and well worth the care and education they are receiving.

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From Music Hall return was made to the Grand Hotel, where a splendid lunch was served. At one o'clock tally-ho coaches were driven to the hotel, the children loaded up and given a place in the great parade, eliciting cheers all along the line of march. After a fine supper at the "Grand," the youngsters were escorted to the Walnut Street Theater, where they witnessed a performance of "Buster Brown," greatly to their delight.

The following morning another trolley ride was given them, landing at the "Zoo," where the day was spent in jollity and mirth, the children being furnished all manner of good things, including a splendid lunch. In the evening, after another elegant supper at the "Grand," the train for home was boarded, arriving there safely, a tired but happy lot of children. All this was done upon invitation of the centennial celebration committee, and at the expense of the brethren of Cincinnati, whom we most heartily thank for their generosity and kind attention. We are under especial obligations to Brothers Chas. E. Logan and Robert E. Lee, in whose charge the children were placed, and who devoted their entire time to their entertainment and enjoyment; to the managers and attaches of the "Grand Hotel," who did everything possible for the care and comfort of the children and their attendants; to General Lewis Seasongood, who accompanied the party in the tally-hos and afterward presented the children an elegant silk banner, and to all others who in any way extended courtesies or assisted in this memorable event.

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Early in the summer we decided to invite all our former children to a reunion at the Home on the 4th and 5th of July. Out of sixty-five whom we have sent out into the world, twenty-six responded, and to say that those who were fortunate enough to attend enjoyed themselves, but mildly expresses it. They had a grand time, being delighted to get back home. The great majority of the children who are admitted to the Home are little tots. They grow up with us and remember no home than this. It is a genuine home-coming, and we are just as glad to see them as they are to see us, our only regret being the absence of many who were prevented by circumstances and distance from being present. These children have an abiding love for the Ohio Masonic Home.

For the guidance of those desiring to leave a bequest to the Home this form is printed in the proceedings:

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

Item. I give, devise, and bequeath to the Ohio Masonic Home, located at Springfield, Ohio, the sum of..... dollars, to be paid by my executor within one year after probate of this, my will.

An excellent portrait of Companion W. M. Cunningham, the Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, is given opposite a memorial page, and his annual review, which was about half completed, is given just as he left it as a standing memorial to his last labors. Michigan for 1908 is reviewed in three and one-half pages. He said of Companion Brackett's address:

The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is a thoughtful paper of sixteen pages, reciting in detail his official acts and recommendations.

Numerous quotations from the proceedings are given. He gives the Order of High Priesthood a separate review and heading.

WILLIAM T. S. O'HARA, Toledo, Grand High Priest.
EDWIN HAGENBUCH, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA, 1909

Twentieth Annual. OKLAHOMA CITY. April 20th.
62 Chapters. 3183 Members.
D. M. HAILEY, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest indulges in a personal reminiscence and states that he was one of the first Royal Arch Masons to be made in Indian Territory and he remains the only one left of that team. Continuing he says:

At the last Annual Convocation a resolution was introduced to amend Art. 1 of the Constitution by striking out the words Indian Territory and substituting therefor the State of Oklahoma, and as I have no doubt but what this will be concurred in at the present convocation, it is certainly a coincidence never before in the history of our Order, that the first Companion who journeyed from Babylon to Jerusalem should be permitted

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to live to see the outer veils of the New Tabernacle, once the country of Indians, the greatest agricultural, coal, gas and oil fields of the world, and the brightest star on the azure fields of Old Glory.

He granted dispensations for two new Chapters. He has been exposed and is breaking out with a severe case of Grand Representative fever. He says:

I am fully in sympathy with the exchange of Grand Representatives as a connecting link in that chain of Brotherhood which firmly unites the Grand Chapters throughout the world; and the union of Grand Representatives at our Annual Convocations unites us as earnest workers and teachers of the lessons exemplified in our ancient symbols and ceremonies and thus we are bound together in the union of hearts, without which Freemasonry would be incomplete.

The regulations of that Jurisdiction require that the clothing of a Royal Arch Mason shall be a white lamb skin apron, for which cotton or linen cannot be substituted. Perhaps lambs are cheaper in Oklahoma and pelts more plentiful. We are glad to get a good white linen apron in this neck of the woods.

He found much confusion in the lettering of the several arks which he inspected on his visit. One in particular was "a curiosity in the way of heterogenous designs which did not mean anything."

Of his visit to the Chapter at Atoka, the home of Grand Secretary Murrow, he says:

This Chapter was chartered by the General Grand Chapter in August, 1880, and bears upon its rolls our venerable Grand Secretary, J. S. Murrow, who was its first High Priest. As this being the "hoodoo," or unlucky thirteen, there was no quorum and as we have not had the pleasure of witnessing their work in the past, we can not speak of their proficiency or errors. They have a small membership of only twenty-three, and exalted two the past year

He passes his opinion that the Chapters should be strengthened numerically and financially instead of new Chapters organized. He is a believer in official visitations and his experience demonstrates that Chapters most

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needing instruction and dying for want of it are sadly neglected. They never see a Grand Officer. He recommends the doctrine of dependent membership. Good, you have lots of company. He commends the genial manner and cheerful compliance to every request of their venerable Grand Secretary, Joseph S. Murrow.

The Grand Secretary read an interesting history of the beginning of Cryptic Masonry in Indian Territory, now the state of Oklahoma, which was compiled from the records of the General Grand Chapter. This is a valuable addition to the Cryptic literature of that Jurisdiction.

A communication from Companion Waldrond has this note of interest to Michigan Companions:

> Of the eminent Companions who have passed over the river during the year, Hugh McCurdy, of Michigan, and Gil W. Barnard, of Illinois, could be classed with the immortals.

The report on correspondence is written by Companion Morrison. Michigan for 1908 receives over two pages. He likes our proceedings for he says:

> The volume of printed proceedings comes to us in its usual neat attire, a good specimen of the typographical art. The bright, open countenance of Companion Charles Cottrell, Grand High Priest, presents itself from the first page as we open the book.

He thinks that our cases of dual membership arises from lax methods that prevail where Companions join in petitions for a new Chapter. Not so, Companion Morrison. We have that well in hand as that is attended to in the Grand Secretary's office, but it arises from our system of transfer of membership, instead of dimit. Where one Secretary fails fails to make proper entry or report the whole chain is broken and the Companion may appear as a member of two Chapters, or a member of none.

Companion Murrow signs the report, but he says the work is done by Companion Morrison, so we give him credit for it.

I. H. G. HULME, Weatherford, Grand High Priest.
JOSEPH S. MURROW, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

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OREGON, 1909

Forty-Ninth Annual. PORTLAND. June 14th.
29 Chapters. 2775 Members.
A. H. STEINER, Grand High Priest.

This Jurisdiction lost two of its Past Grand High Priests during the year, Companions Irvine and Gibons. In noting the death of Past Grand High Priest McCurdy, the Grand High Priest said: "I regret that space does not permit me to reproduce the Masonic record of Companion McCurdy." Fraternal mention is also made of the deaths of Companions Cummins, Fiske and Randall of our Jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest issued dispensations for two new Chapters, which indicates prosperity. Baker City Chapter elected three Companions from Ontario, which was nearly one hundred miles distant, but only four miles from Payette, Idaho. The Grand High Priest requested that the Grand High Priest of Idaho grant permission for Payette Chapter to do the work and the request was granted.

He recommended that the printing of the proceedings be submitted for competitive bids and the work let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder, yet he is very careful to specify that the present high standard of work or quality of material shall not be lowered. There it goes again, that same old insinuation of "graft". Companion Hodson is a printer and a mighty good one, too. He also writes the report on correspondence and is a Past Grand High Priest. That is sufficient for some to at once cry "graft". The writer has been through the same deal and since giving up printing the proceedings seven years ago, never until this year has the Grand Chapter had the proceedings printed as cheaply on competitive bids as it was at that time. This is the way Michigan saved money by bids, besides getting a variety of standards of work. Our advice would be to make haste slowly. You are getting good proceedings now.

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The proceedings indicate that their Grand Lecturer "lectures" the Grand Chapter instead of visiting Subordinary Chapters, as he delivered a lecture on Capitular Masonry, but it was well worth listening to.

The Annual Review of each Jurisdiction opens with a couplet or verse of poetry as seemeth appropriate to the Jurisdiction reviewed or conditions existing therein. Michigan for 1908 gets this one:

We love the true and beautiful, as the flowers love the sun,
We rest supremely happy, when our duties are well done;
We gather up the threads of life and weave them into rhyme
We enjoy every moment as God's glorious summertime.

I think that fits us pretty well, Companion Hodson. You are a good judge at such a long distance. Thanks.

Now he thinks Companion Cottrell's address "was a straight business paper without any rhetorical trimmings". Another fellow said it was a rhetorical production. Now Charlie, " you pays your monies and takes your choice".

He notes our group picture of Grand Officers. Now, Jim, the treat is on you. Here is the way he hands it out to the Grand Officers:

Just here we strike a full page of small photos of the 15 Grand Officers for 1907-8, all handsome gentlemen, but the Grand Sentinel the best of the lot.

He thinks that 2434 emeritus members is a pretty high per cent for our Jurisdiction. Well, we are an old Jurisdiction and we now make them on thirty years' service, so that counts up fast.

He says our Annual Reviews are improving every year. Many thanks, Companion Hodson. I sincerely trust the efforts put forth to do so will accomplish results.

EDWARD E. KIDDLE, Island City, Grand High Priest.
JAMES F. ROBINSON, Portland, Grand Secretary.

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PENNSYLVANIA, 1908

One Hundred Thirteenth Annual. PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 28th.
127 Chapters. 28177 Members.
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Grand High Priest.

A beautiful half tone in colors of Renaissance Hall in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, forms the frontispiece of this volume and gives a splendid idea of the beauty and classic grandeur of that spacious room.

Among the decisions of the Grand High Priest was one that a suspended Companion could not be restored without a copy of his Mark accompanying his petition in case his Mark had not been previously recorded. Also that signers to a petition for a new Chapter must present with the petition copies of their Marks. That a Companion who was a life member of a Chapter in resigning therefrom forfeits his life membership, and should he at any future time become a member of the Chapter from which he resigned, is subject to the payment of annual dues. Further, that the Chapter Hall, name or Chapter funds cannot be used for any purpose that is not strictly Masonic in every respect and confined exclusively to Masons.

He reads a good lecture to those Chapters which persist in holding late meetings. This might with profit be read in many Chapters in Michigan.

I would call attention to a matter which has come under my observation, namely, the growing tendency among Chapters to prolong their meetings until very late hours of the night, giving as the main reason the great amount of work they have to do. The increasing popularity of Free Masonry cannot be questioned and necessarily many seek admission therein, consequently more time is required in which to confer the Degrees, still this will not justify the late hours, as men and especially as Masons, we owe a duty to our homes and families and the late hours deprive those to whom we owe this sacred duty of our association and attention, and further it enables those who are hostile to Free Masonry to point to this fact as an evidence of our unworthiness and wrong doing. Would it not be much better for the Chapters to hold extra meetings (frequent if necessary) to relieve them of accumulated work

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and close their meetings at a much earlier hour, thus enabling all to return to their homes at a reasonable hour and we believe that those to whom we owe this duty would be more enthusiastic in their advocacy of Free Masonry, when they know that the midnight hour has ceased among Masons, and also deprive the traducers of Free Masonry of one of their strong arguments.

They have had considerable trouble over the subject of Marks in Pennsylvania and for a number of years have made strenuous efforts to get every member's Mark recorded. Among other things on the subject he says:

The Mark is an annoying subject, one which, if the delinquents had regard for their obligations would be easily solved, but so many look upon the obligations as a mere matter of form and consequently treat the request to furnish a copy of their Marks for record with indifference, hence it becomes one of the most difficult duties devolving upon the Grand High Priest. Persistent effort by a number of my predecessors accomplished great good and during my term I have pursued the subject vigorously and if I could have enlisted the High Priests and Secretaries of all Chapters in which there were members who have not furnished their Marks for record, I firmly believe every Mark would have been recorded, but as it is I am compelled to turn over to my successor a most undesirable legacy; the number of unrecorded Marks at this date being fifty-seven, all of which save three are in the City of Philadelphia, easy of access, to the incoming Grand High Priest.

Of Grand Secretary Cary and his illness he says:

Ill health has deprived me of the valuable assistance and service of our faithful and accomplished Grand Secretary. In the goodness of God he has, in a measure, been restored to health and strength.

The fervent prayer of every member of this Grand Chapter is, that he may be permanently restored to health and strength and be enabled to serve this Grand Chapter for many years to come. To his faithful and conscientious assistant I am indebted more than words can tell; to me and to this Grand Chapter his services have been invaluable.

Here is a good one on office holding:

During my travels through the Jurisdiction I have noticed

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a tendency of Past High Priests to monopolize minor offices. No doubt they imagine they are manifesting enthusiasm; but they would benefit their Chapters far more by discontinuing this practice, and thereby inspire the young members to become ambitious and learn the duties, not only of the offices they occupy, but of those for which they may be applicants. Every Companion knows that an honor has been conferred upon him by giving him an office, either by election or by appointment, and that it is his duty to show his appreciation by filling it creditably.

The young members are the coming men in the Chapter; give them every encouragement and ample opportunity to develop.

The Grand High Priest of that Jurisdiction has much patronage to distribute and his appointments make a list covering over five pages of the Proceedings.

The Annual Review is by a joint committee and Michigan for 1908 fell to the lot of Companion Thomas F. Penman. The headings over the pages inform us that the matter contained below is "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania", but the subheadings under our review says it is "Michigan". Of our Canadian scrap he says:

The error of the Michigan Companions seems to have been looked upon by the Grand Chapter of Canada as a breach of comity between neighboring Jurisdictions. We would consider the matter, however, more serious as a violation of the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. But certainly they were not more culpable in respect to the Grand Chapter of Canada than the Canadian Companions who would permit unauthorized work in their Chapters. They must have taken the initiative. It is to be hoped that the Grand Chapter of Canada disciplined its own members before finding fault with its neighbors.

He does not quite agree with the decision on what constitutes a quorum in the Subordinate degrees, and says:

We venture to question the soundness of the decision, unless it is lex loci. True, the Chapter is the governing, controlling body, but when a Mark degree is to be conferred the Chapter closes, and a Lodge (a component part of the Chapter) is opened. The Chapter officers change in titles and functions.

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All Mark Master Masons are qualified to sit in the Lodge and participate in the work. Though at that time there may not be present nine Royal Arch Masons, the work need not be suspended if there be present a sufficient number of Mark Masters Masons to carry it on.

After referring to our efforts to reduce the number of paid representatives he tells us how they do it in Pennsylvania. The only question we would raise is why have five convocations when you can't get a full representation at one of them?

In Pennsylvania each Chapter is entitled to send one representative to the Convocations (Communications) of the Grand Chapter. He must be a Past High Priest and is elected as such representative by his Chapter, annually. The first three officers and all Past High Priests are members of the Grand Chapter and entitled to participate in its deliberations. But if any of them attends, it must be at his own or the Chapter's expense. The rule is that the Chapter desiring representation defrays the expenses of the representative. And the result is that many of them will not furnish the necessary funds, and are seldom, and many practically never, represented. Further, representatives are, as a rule, allowed expenses to only one of five meetings of the Grand Chapter held during the year.

CARL A. SUNDSTROM, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.
CHARLES CARY, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1909

Thirty-Second Annual. MONTREAL. March 23rd.
11 Chapters. 1219 Members.
HARRY G. ELLIOTT, Grand 1st Prin. Z.

A half tone portrait of Companion Edward A. Evans, the incoming Grand First Principal Z., forms a frontispiece of the proceedings.

The Grand Scribe E. read a telegram from Grand High Priest of Vermont and a letter from the Grand Secretary of the same Jurisdiction expressing regrets at their inability to be present. It would be very pleasant for both

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parties if neighboring Jurisdictions would visit each other oftener. A few years ago the Grand Lodges of Michigan and Canada exchanged several fraternal visits which were most enjoyable to both parties.

The Grand First Principal Z. fraternally reports the loss in our Jurisdiction of Companions Hugh McCurdy and James H. Cummins. The peace and harmony which has obtained in that province left little for him to report, and he was called upon for no decisions. Illness of himself and in his family prevented him from making visits, but necessitated a three-months' trip abroad. Some of us would be willing to accept at least the illness of seasickness in order to take the trip abroad. Before closing his report he hands out the following pleasant paragraph to the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Lecturer:

Everyone who enters upon the discharge of the exalted duties of Grand Z. of a Grand Chapter must have a realization of his personal need of counsel. The welfare and prosperity of a Grand Chapter depend very much on the ability, attention and devotion of the Companion who fills the office of Grand Scribe E. I sincerely hope that the occupants of this Chair who will succeed me will have the good fortune to find as ready counsel and as ardent devotion to the interests of this Grand Body as I have been favored with by our Most Excellent Grand Scribe E., Will H. Whyte. That he may long be spared to assist this Grand Body is my earnest wish.

Separate reports are made by the different Superintendents of the Districts. The Grand Scribe E., (Gd. Secretary) Will H. Whyte, presents his sixteenth annual report, which shows a net gain of sixty-seven members. Ten Chapters show an increase and one a decrease. He recommends that a new edition of the Constitution be prepared.

Cash assets in the Grand Treasury amount to $3,955.54.

After making an excellent report in detail, Grand Lecturer Phillips says:

The improvement in the affairs of subordinate Chapters noted in my last report has been fully maintained during the past year. In Chapters without the city the degrees are ex-

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emplified in a satisfactory manner, and if the precision of floor work, etc., as witnessed in our more favourably situated City Chapters is not attained, I beg to say that the essentials of degree work, earnestness and impressiveness are not lacking in the slightest degree. That such a satsfactory state of affairs exists speaks well for the Companions who are holding office, when we reflect that outside of Montreal in point of residence, the officers are widely separated, thus making rehearsal almost impossible. Yet, under such conditions, at the District Meeting in Cookshire in the presence of the M. Ex. the G. Z. the Supreme Degree was exemplified by the officers of Friendship in a highly creditable manner, though they were working the degree for the first time, and with but one rehearsal.

This Grand Jurisdiction has a "Committee on Finance and Benevolence," which latter title signifies that they have something to do besides auditing books. The matter of benevolence is too often overlooked in many Grand Chapters. The Grand Lodge has its calls and the Grand Commandery its opportunities to assist, but the Grand Chapter comes in between and is many times overlooked.

The following remarks by the Committee on Grand Lecturer's report applies with equal force to all Jurisdictions:

Reform and improvement do not take place in a day and the benefit derived by the Chapters from the advice and instruction of the Rt. Ex. Grand Lecturer are day by day brought more directly to notice. Particularly is this the case in the rural Chapters, far removed one from the other, visits and instruction was given in all the Chapters where meetings were held.

The wearing of the Tri-Color Sash during the session of the Grand Chapter seems to have been adopted by some Companions not regularly entitled thereto, so our Companion Whyte presented a resolution that the wearing of the Tri-Color Sash be restricted in the future to elective officers of the Grand Chapter.

The report on correspondence is again written by Companion E. T. D. Chambers. Michigan for 1908 is fraternally reviewed. He does the writer the honor to quote

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in full the introduction of the Annual Review of that year.

EDWARD A. EVANS, Quebec, Grand Z.
WILL H. WHYTE, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND, 1909

One Hundred and Eleventh Annual. PROVIDENCE. March 9.
10 Chapters. 3656 Members.
WENDELL R. DAVIS, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest's address treats of the revision of the Ritual, which has been under way in that Jurisdiction. Of it he says:

The Companions of this Jurisdiction are familiar with the causes which led to the appointing of this committee. In the performance of their duties there has been no "tinkering" with the ritual adopted by this Grand Chapter in 1882, but rather every effort has been made to bring the work more in harmony with itself.

As a correspondent has well expressed: "An error can never be a landmark of anything but ignorance;" and the committee accepted this as a guiding principle.

The guiding principle accepted by the committee is all right. Why worship a thing just because it is ancient, if it is full of holes? In his instructions to the Chapters he explains further:

"And be it known and undertood that all the changes adopted are in the interest of standardizing the degrees, correcting grammatical errors, making the phraseology of quotations from Scriptural or other accepted authority correspond to the source from which drawn—supplying omissions—and further, that titles, dueguards, grips, use of gavel, reading of keystone, etc., are made so far as possible to conform to generally accepted custom.

He expresses himself in favor of standing committees to which matters can be referred before the annual meeting, giving time for further consideration.

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A Past Grand High Priest's jewel and an apron were ordered to be procured and presented to the retiring Grand High Priest.

The first four officers were authorized to attend the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at the expense of Grand Chapter.

Providence Chapter No. 1 was constituted September 3, 1793, and has a proud record of having 1714 members, probably the largest Chapter in the world.

The Annual Review is by the prince of writers and best of speakers, Companion Henry W. Rugg. His address delivered in Flint, Michigan, on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Temple in that city, has been pronounced a masterpiece of Masonic literature. In opening his report he observes:

> A writer of Correspondence occupies a favorable vantage ground from which to observe important movements of the organization and to note its conditions as from time to time they appear. By the reading of numerous addresses and reports, by study of the statistics presented in the printed Proceedings of Grand Bodies, by giving attention to the legislation of Grand Organizations, he can hardly fail in the obtaining of broad and just views of the state of the Order. A Masonic reviewer of experience ought to be able to respond to the challenge, "Watchman, what of the night,—what of the coming of the day?" Every year brings some change in condition so that such an inquiry is always timely and pertinent.

By way of contrast and showing that opposition tends to develop the heroic element in human character, he says:

> What a contrast between the former conditions and those of today! Eighty years ago the Masonic institution was greatly misapprehended by the community, and so had to meet a force of intolerance and fanaticism which threatened its very life; although, in the end, the hard discipline proved a blessing. Now our great Brotherhood receives the smiles of almost universal good will. Masonic principles and purposes have not changed; the ancient landmarks have not been removed; the old-time ceremony has been but slightly modified; the Masonic institution, as it exists to-day, moves along in its well

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worn and even path, while happily it has become generally regarded as an agency of approved help in the world's betterment.

Michigan for 1908 is accorded a very fraternal review. He observes that "Michigan has a Grand Lecturer who is a working officer". He quotes this writer's remarks regarding the "Post Requisite" idea, or the "Texas Plan," and adds:

It will be interesting to watch the course of events and note the outcome of the action taken by the Texas Companions, requiring each petition for the Chapter degrees to include the Cryptic degrees and to be accompanied by a fee covering the whole instruction necessary.

WILLARD A. ESTEN, Providence, Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM R. GREENE, Providence, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1909

Ninety-Eighth Annual. COLUMBIA. February 9th.
49 Chapters. 2140 Members.
JOSEPH LINDSAY, M. E. Grand High Priest.

After blossoming out for two or three years with a large number of half tone portraits of Grand and Past Grand Officers, Companion Barron has quit entirely and this year sends out the proceedings without a picture of anybody, but after enjoying the splendid entertainment which was furnished to the Grand Secretaries' Guild by the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, the writer has no criticism whatever to make on that Jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest states that for almost half a century they had year after year met with the Companions in "the City by the Sea". This year it was their privilege to assemble in the Capital. It would seem but natural that they should meet many times in their Capital City, but we do not blame them for enjoying the meetings in that quaint old city of Charleston.

He granted dispensations for three new Chapters and

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reports that every Chapter in the state except two had exalted candidates, and those two had conferred some degrees. That is a grand showing which but few states can equal. On the subject of inspection of Chapters he says:

I believe with the Grand High Priest of Tennessee that some mode of inspection should be inaugurated as to the manner in which our Ritual is imparted. Many of the Chapters make a frolic of the degrees; make them so rough and humiliating that it is impossible for the candidate to stand it, and all the beauty and solemnity of these beautiful degrees are lost.

No Royal Arch Mason should so far forget the sublime principles taught in the Ritual of our impressive degrees as to permit himself, for one moment, to be guilty of any act calculated to detract from the solemnity of the work, thereby destroying the effect of the lessons to be taught.

He reports a considerable degree of progress in collecting moneys to build a home for aged brethren and orphans and recommended that $500 be contributed from the Grand Chapter funds for that purpose. Also that the usual amount be appropriated for the expenses of the Grand High Priest and his associates for the purpose of building up weak and dormant Chapters and that another thousand dollars be added to the amount originally set aside to defray the expense of entertaining the General Grand Chapter, stating that the Grand Secretary had plans "for the entertainment of our visiting Companions which are out of the usual order". Of this same excellent Grand Secretary he further says:

No doubt every Companion in the world loves and admires Companion Barron as a man as well as Mason, but only those of us who have been associated with him in the Grand Chapter work have an idea of his devotion to Masonry, of the time, energy and ability given to promote its welfare, and when he has answered the last roll call we will find that his place can not be filled.

The writer adds to this a very hearty "Amen"!

A Special Committee appointed to prepare a testi-

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monial for Grand Treasurer Jackson, who for more than fifty years had served as custodian of the funds of the Grand Chapter, made a very pleasant report and a souvenir gift in honor of the occasion was presented to him.

The resolution was unanimously adopted which provided that all the elective officers of the Grand Chapter should attend the next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter and that their expenses be paid out of the appropriation for that purpose. A short form for opening and closing where work is done in several degrees at one Convocation was adopted.

The correspondence report by Grand Secretary Barron covers eighty-two pages and is up to his usual high standard. Michigan for 1908 is given three and a half pages. He notes Companion Cottrell's decision that nine Royal Arch Masons constitute a quorum in all degrees and says:

> This is not the law in South Carolina. With us eight brethren may open and work as a Lodge of Mark Masters, and seven as a Lodge of Past Masters, or Most Excellent Masters, and it is not necessary to open a Chapter preliminary to opening any of these Lodges.

He expresses a desire to see a copy of the "Michigan Red Book" which he hears so much about. He quotes the introduction to the Annual Review on "the value of correspondence reports."

WILLIAM E. GANTT, Charleston, M.E. Grand High Priest.
JACOB T. BARRON, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1909

Twentieth Annual. WATERTOWN. June 10th.
34 Chapters. 2549 Members.
JOHN E. HIPPLE, M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest reports the death of their esteemed Grand Treasurer Bernard C. Jacobs, who had

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served in that capacity for fourteen years. They also lost their first Grand High Priest Companion Henry S. Williams and scarcely a month later, Grand Chaplain John H. Babcock. Surely they were severely afflicted.

Dispensations were granted for two new Chapters, one of which was at Bonesteel, which he says "is the first Chapter between the Missouri and the Black Hills." On being asked for a decision as to what a Chapter at Scotland should do which had conferred the degrees without receiving the fees he expressed much surprise to learn that a Chapter should so far violate the regulations. Is the custom of giving credit growing to such an extent that it must invade our Chapters and make them wait more than seven years for the fees and then receive no dues? A Chapter which permits such work should be dealt with summarily.

The report of the Grand Lecturer to the Grand High Priest is that "all Chapters are at work and interest in the schools of instruction is increasing." The Grand High Priest "enters a kick" on the typography of the printed ritual and says: "These books should be so printed that people with ordinary vision might read them." His claim is just, as I have seen some that should require a magnifying glass to read them.

He thinks the Grand Lecturer should be required to examine the books of each Chapter and report delinquencies for non-payment of dues and the Chapter be compelled to take some action. He truly says: "The accumulated 'past dues' is something to be feared."

Several half tones embellish the proceedings. A splendid Masonic Temple at Redfield and a cozy building at Arlington are shown which exhibit models of excellent taste. I think the custom could be readily followed by other Jurisdictions and give those seeking information and desiring to build temples many valuable ideas on the styles of architecture. Portraits of the deceased Companions are also included. The volume is well printed throughout and a credit to the Grand Secretary.

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The report on Correspondence is again by Companion Lewis G. Levoy. Michigan for 1908 is fraternally reviewed. He says Companion Cottrell "also indulged in railroading, but in a very small way only." He thinks the article on "the value of correspondence reports" should cause these reports to be more generally read than they are now if it could be distributed to the craft. Alas! Companion Levoy, "the craft" do not see as much of the Proceedings as they ought to under the present system of distribution.

DAVID A. DOUGLAS, Spearfish, M. E. Grand High Priest.
GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE, 1910

Eighty-First Annual. NASHVILLE. January 24th.
88 Chapters. 4776 Members.
ANDREW P. TROGDEN, Grand High Priest.

The Chapters in this state number up to 182 which indicates a good sized bone yard somewhere, as only 88 are active at the present time, yet of these active ones the Grand High Priest says:

The Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction are, with a few exceptions, prosperous. Yet among them are a number that make no effort to learn the Ritual of the degrees, and are today ignorant of their duties, and depend on getting help by inviting some Grand or Past Grand Officer to exalt their candidates, without being able to render him any assistance whatever. Notwithstanding these difficulties, the returns for the year show a net increase.

Dispensations were also granted for four new ones. He recommends that a committee be appointed to prepare proper lettering for the ark that will conform with the key, that each Chapter be required to have its ark properly prepared.

In closing his address he says:

Only those can know, who have passed the Chair, how

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much we depend upon the Grand Secretary for information and advice. May he live long and prosper.

The following resolution which was adopted is very liberal and indicates the entire confidence in the ability and integrity of the committee:

Resolved, first. That the committee heretofore appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee from the M. W. Grand Lodge, relative to the purchase and equipment of a meeting place for their respective Grand Bodies, be continued with all the powers and authority heretofore given them.

Second, That said committee with the consent of the Grand Treasurer, is also directed to furnish and equip the building heretofore purchased, or any building it may erect, in such manner as it may deem advisable; sell any old furniture or equipment not suitable for the new quarters; take general and specific charge of all matters pertaining to the equipment and operation of the new quarters; administer and supervise same, and in all matters relative thereto to act for, and on behalf of this Grand Chapter.

Third, That the Grand Treasurer is hereby specifically authorized to pay all bills incurred by said committee out of any unappropriated funds in his hands when such bills have the proper approval of the chairman of said committee. It being understood that this Grand Chapter's proportion is one-fifth, and the proportion of the Grand Lodge four-fifths of all expenses so incurred.

The Committee on Jurisprudence of this Jurisdiction appears to be the whole thing. In addition to their general duties they act as Committee on Division and Reference. What would Michigan Chapters think of this recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee? They recommend that the per-capita tax be fixed at one dollar on all members not exalted during the year and that the sum of five dollars be paid for each exaltation. That would have yielded a revenue in Michigan this year of $24,741.

In the evening the exemplification of the Royal Arch degree was given by a mixed team selected from the several Chapters of the state, and among the candidates was one "substitute exalted."

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The Annual Review is the work of Companion J. H. McClister. Michigan is courteously treated to a page and a half of space. He says Companion Brackett's address is "full and comprehensive. Although absent from the state most of the year he visited eleven Chapters." He quotes from the address his admonition on the manner of conferring the work.

JESSE T. SPAULDING, Nashville, Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM A. CLENDENING, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1909

Sixtieth Annual. WACO. December 6th.
239 Chapters. 1479 Members.
ED. R. BRYAN, Grand High Priest.

This Jurisdiction has a large number of Chapters scattered over a very large territory. The average membership of each Chapter is 62. The Grand High Priest made these decisions:

The resolution restoring the charter to Alpha Chapter, No. 243, also required the High Priest to heal the two Companions who received the degrees during the time the charter was withdrawn. Companion Gray asked: "Kindly inform me what steps are necessary to heal a Companion. I have often heard the expression, but have never been able to get a lucid definition of the process." I replied that the process of healing would depend largely upon circumstances. I understand that your Chapter conferred the degrees, or, at least, some of the degrees, upon the candidates, at a time when it was demised. In this case, all that would be necessary would be to give the brothers the obligations again, after you resume labor under your restored charter.

A Companion writes that the by-laws of West Chapter do not specify any specific hour for meeting, but read as follows: "The stated convocations of this Chapter shall be held at Masonic Hall at West, on first Friday evening after each full moon," etc. The Companion asks if this is permissible. I replied that it was permissible—that is, I could see nothing wrong in it.

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Webster defines "afternoon" as the time from noon to evening, and defines "evening" as the close of the day; I therefore rule that, under your by-laws, you can hold your stated meeting at any time on the first Friday after each full moon, between sundown and midnight, and such meeting would be regular.

That a Chapter located in Texas cannot confer the Chapter degrees on persons residing in Mexico, unless requested to do so by the Chapter in Mexico having jurisdiction over the parties.

That a Royal Arch Mason who comes from another jurisdiction, who is not a Council Mason, can petition a Chapter for affiliation, without his petition being accompanied with a petition for Council degrees.

After your quorum was broken, you should have declared your Chapter closed for want of quorum.

That a Chapter can, as an act of courtesy, confer the Chapter degrees upon a candidate, at the request of another Chapter, provided both Chapters are under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

You see they extend the favor to Mexico on request but no request is considered from a neighboring state. However they have seen the error of their ways and have amended their law so as to accommodate their neighbors.

He issued a circular to his constituency indorsing the plan of the Board of Directors of the Aged Masons Home which requested every Chapter to donate to the fund at the rate on one dollar per member. That is a small amount per individual and yet see what possibilities it could produce. Among his recommendations is that each Companion should read carefully each year the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and further says:

This report is too voluminous to be read before the Grand Chapter, and, for that reason, I am afraid a great many Companions do not give it that consideration it deserves. Companions, I know of nothing that will keep you so well posted in the doings of the Capitular world as this report; read it once, and you will then not have to be urged to do so again.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the publication

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of the portrait of the outgoing Grand High Priest together with one or more portraits of such Past Grand High Priests as have not heretofore appeared in the Proceedings.

Companion Terrell evidently likes the new title he adopted for his review as he continues it this year, styled: "Review of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Chapters." He skipped Michigan for last year, but made up for it by including them both this year. Of the roll of honor he says:

> A "Roll of Honor," composed of deceased Past Grand High Priests, was called. We are not advised whether any answered.

No, Companion Terrell, none of them answered, but when the latest additions are called by the Grand Secretary the Grand High Priest answers by giving the date of death. Surely we can accord our deceased Companions that honor.

He complains that he does not relish reviewing the transactions of nearly eighteen months before, and he says that the proceedings of 1909, held about five months previous, had not yet reached him. You must get after "John A." with a sharp stick as those proceedings were sent to him by express inside of sixty days from the meeting. They evidently reached the reviewer all right later, as they are reviewed immediately following.

He notes our proposition to reduce the pay roll and says:

> Texas is big and broad, and our Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge are almost unwieldy because of the large attendance, yet we do not pay a cent for mileage, per diem or expenses We do, however, pay a small amount to one representative from each Chapter (and Lodge) who may attend the Committee on Work for instruction, one week in each year.

He quotes Companion P. H. Taylor's poem on Hugh McCurdy in full.

J. J. GALLAHER, Whitewright, Grand High Priest.
JOHN A. BRYAN, Cleburne, Grand Secretary.

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VERMONT, 1909

Ninety-Second Annual. BURLINGTON. June 11th.
30 Chapters. 4065 Members.
OLIN W. DALEY, Grand High Priest.

In opening his annual address Grand High Priest gives a touch of early history.

Nearly one hundred and five years ago, on December 24, 1804, the officers of Green Mountain Royal Arch Chapter of Rutland, agreeably to the constitution of the General Royal Arch Chapter of the six northern states of America, assembled at Rutland and organized the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont. Besides the Chapter at Rutland there were three regular Lodges of Mark Master Masons within the state: at Bennington, at Poultney, and at Middlebury. A Lodge had been formed, without charter or dispensation at Pawlet in 1797, but after existing two years, having doubts about their legality, they abandoned the work in 1799 until regularly organized by the Grand Chapter of Vermont, June 12, 1805.

From the very small beginning at Rutland has grown our present strong Grand Chapter with its thirty constituent Chapters comprising four thousand members selected from the twelve thousand Master Masons of Vermont. Its history during the six years following the Morgan episode and during the anti-masonic craze is heroic and thrilling. It is a story of well-meaning but weak spirited men who would yield to the unreasonable importunities of fanatics and demagogues, and men of strong character who were ever ready to sacrifice comfort, position and profit, if only honor and principle were saved The Mason who has not read of the Masonic struggles of 1828 to 1834 knows little of what this noble institution cost our elder Companions and Brethren. Though forced to suspend public meetings from 1835 to 1849, yet out of the contest right and justice came triumphant and we truly have entered into the fruit of their labors. And so it is with feelings of gratitude that I welcome you to the ninety-second annual convocation of this Grand Chapter. As we assemble in this beautiful Masonic home, surrounded by all that can make our deliberations comfortable and pleasant, I would bid you not forget the brave men and Masons, who, under the leadership of Tucker and Haswell, fought the fight and won the victory that we might live in peace and honor as we do this day.

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The death of Past Grand Secretary Warren Giles Reynolds is reported and a short biographical sketch is appended. Companion Reynolds served as Grand Secretary in all the Grand Bodies as well as the Council of Deliberation.

The Grand High Priest accompanied the Grand Lecturer in his official visits to every district. In nearly all of these he was favored by the presence of some of the associate officers of the Grand Chapter. He expresses the belief that that Jurisdiction will soon see the same high degree of ritualistic proficiency in the Chapters as now obtains in the Lodges.

He closes his address with this:

There is said to be in Italy a little valley, known as the Grotta del Cana, or Grotto of the Dog, where noxious gases have accumulated and rest; so that, attempting to pass through, animals that walk low upon the ground are overcome and perish. But man that walks erect with head lifted toward heaven passes through unscathed. What ever emerges from that valley is of the stature of man. May we not hope that Masonry, and especially Capitular Masonry, may more and more prove to be a veritable Grotta del Cana to all things low and debasing. As we pass through life's arches, may the weaknesses, vices, and unholy passions that cling to our nature be stricken down and left behind. As we rise to the higher level beyond the fourth veil we shall realize that only men of high purpose and motive, with "Holiness to the Lord" inscribed upon the forefront of their lives emerge safely from the deep valley. May it be the happy lot of each of us to come forth purified and exalted by that which has been slain.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again written by Companion Marsh O. Perkins. Michigan for 1908 is reviewed on page 42. The index says so and the headings at the top of each page also say so. He quotes Companion Cottrell's remarks on the manner of conferring the Chapter degrees with evident approval. He notes that the prohibition of conferring the Past Master's degree for the benefit of our Canadian Com-

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panions seems to have been effective as no cases of discipline are reported in consequence of invasion.

EDWARD H. MARTIN, Middlebury, Grand High Priest.
HENRY H. ROSS, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1909

Twenty-fifth Annual. SEATTLE. June 21.
30 Chapters. 2915 Members.
ROBERT L. McCROSKEY, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest congratulates his constituency upon the rapid strides made during the year which realized a net gain of 262 members. Four new Chapters were constituted and added to the list during the year.

He reports the death of their Grand Sentinel, Companion Charles B. Reed. He found considerable difficulty in preparing the memorial notice on account of the absence of necessary data. This account provides a moral that it is forehanded to have a biographical sketch on file of all those who are or have been Grand Officers in a Jurisdiction. Such a plan is attempted in Michigan, but it is difficult to get it complete without a break. Some Companions are so modest, you know, that they can write upon most any subject better than upon their own lives. At least I attribute it to modesty.

Fraternal mention is made of the death of our four past Grand High Priests of Michigan, Companions McCurdy, Cummins, Fiske and Randall.

Seven dispensations were granted to as many Chapters to substitute one in conferring a Royal Arch Degree. As the General Grand Chapter permits it, we have nothing to say except that Michigan does not. He followed a precedent by appointing a new High Priest for a Chapter U. D. who had lost theirs by death. He decided that a Companion who had dimitted and moved to the Jurisdiction of another Chapter must first present his petition for

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affiliation in the Lodge before the Chapter could receive his petition for affiliation.

A request was made by Companions of Alaska for a dispensation to organize a Chapter in that Territory, but the Grand High Priest very properly ruled that unoccupied territory, outside of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, properly belonged to the General Grand Chapter. He also declined to recognize the day set apart by the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition as "Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington Day," on the ground "that it was not permissible under the tenets of our Order to participate publicly in such a celebration."

A peculiar regulation is enforced in that Jurisdiction which requires the High Priest of every Subordinate Chapter to file a copy of their By-Laws with the Grand High Priest and these By-Laws are then presented to his successor in office. It has been generally supposed that a Subordinate Chapter could make such By-Laws for its own convenience as it chose, providing they did not conflict with the Grand Chapter law.

Like some other Grand High Priests, he found Subordinate Chapters which had never been visited by the Grand High Priest. He thought that they deserved better treatment, so recommended that the office of Grand Lecturer be created and that the Companion elected to that office should visit all Subordinate Chapters at least once during the year. Some hold that this does not fill the bill entirely; that some Chapters want to see and meet the Grand High Priest himself.

Companion McCroskey visited eleven of the thirty Chapters during the year, which is a higher percentage than most of his contemporaries accomplished.

Grand Secretary Blalock moved a resolution resuming the Grand Representative system which had been abolished in 1896. Within the pages of the Proceedings I fail to note a valid reason advanced for such resumption. It would seem that after they had once got rid of the useless, senseless custom they would "stay rid." So far I have

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failed to see a reasonable excuse advanced for the existence of the system.

A resolution was adopted requiring exemplification of one of the Royal Arch Degrees during the meeting of the Grand Chapter, which reads: "The several Chapters can have the advantage of seeing the work of Royal Arch Masonry properly and correctly exemplified."

The Grand Chapters of Idaho and Wyoming were recognized and welcomed.

The Finance Committee generously appropriated $250 to be used by the Grand High Priest for attending the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Savannah (not Atlanta) and it was a pleasure to the writer to meet the newly elected Grand High Priest, Companion Miller, at that meeting.

The Report on Correspondence is the handiwork of Grand Secretary Blalock. Michigan for 1909 is treated with extracts only. No comments or even connectives are introduced. He quotes the decisions of Grand High Priest Brackett, the action on the representative matter, the report on Masonic Home and General Grand Chapter relations.

ABRAHAM L. MILLER, VANCOUVER, Grand High Priest.
YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1908

Thirty-eighth Annual. FAIRMONT. November 10th.
35 Chapters. 4474 Members.
TOM G. STRICLER, Grand High Priest.

An excellent portrait of Grand High Priest Tom G. Strickler, with an autograph under it that I cannot read, faces the beginning of his address which is short and of local interest.

Grand Secretary Reed's report is very complete and full of detail. The resolution was adopted authorizing the

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Grand High Priest to appoint a committee to report a proper division of the counties of the state into districts to be under the supervision of both an Inspector and a District Lecturer. The district ought to be pretty well looked after in that case.

The Finance Committee appropriated $200 for the Committee on Correspondence and retained the per capita tax at 50 cents for the ensuing year. The mileage was raised from two and a half cents each way to six cents per mile by the shortest route traveled in reaching the meeting.

Grand Secretary was authorized to have reprinted and bound for distribution a sufficient number of Proceedings of the Grand Chapter and that a charge of $5.00 per copy be made therefor. Whew! That's pretty steep.

The following resolution made by the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted:

Resolved, That a Subordinate Chapter shall not confer more than two degrees upon a candidate at one and the same Convocation, except that the degrees of Royal and Select Master and Most Excellent Master may be conferred at the same Convocation. Provided, That the candidate live a greater distance than ten (10) miles from the Chapter, then the foregoing prohibition shall not be operative; nor shall any Subordinate Chapter promote a candidate until he shall have shown proficiency in the signs, grips and words of the preceding degrees.

Resolved, further, That a candidate must not be exalted until after he shall have recorded his mark.

Portraits of the newly elected Grand High Priest, J. W. de Veber and William G. Bennett, Past Grand High Priest, embellish the Proceedings.

The Annual Review is again by Companion J. D. Baines and Michigan for 1908 is copiously reviewed. He says the address of Grand High Priest Cottrell is good and that his injunctions regarding stories or annecdotes at banquets are very timely and should be heeded in Michigan. I wonder how he knows? Commenting on the decision regarding the titles of officers he says:

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The effect of this decision will, undoubtedly, be to make General Grand Chapter legislation paramount authority in Michigan. We regret this, and Michigan will sooner or later regret it even more emphatically. Still, Jurisprudence Committee approved all the dispensations and decisions.

Grand Lecturer gets a good send off and as a suggestion he says:

The banquets tendered the Grand Lecturer (sometimes accompanied by Grand High Priest), might be cut out. They cost money, are a tax on the Chapter visited, and the extended narrative of them ought not to go into the report.

JOHN W. de VEBER, Ronceverte, Grand High Priest.
DAVID K. REED, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1909

Fifty-ninth Annual. MILWAUKEE. February 16th.
81 Chapters. 9048 Members.
DAVID HARLOW, Grand High Priest.

Treating the subject of "Conditions of Royal Arch Masonry" the Grand High Priest in his address said:

Capitular Masonry has no externals to attract the public eye, and the outside world rarely hears of its proceedings or even of its existence, but its tenets in their practical application are potent factors in molding the thought and determining the activities of a nation, though, like the subtle forces of the universe, they work silently and unseen.

The sublimity of thought and loftiness of purpose of the Chapter Degrees are unequalled in the exemplification of Masonic truths, and yet there is a tendency in some quarters to undervalue their importance.

This is primarily due to misconceived ideas on the part of those who are charged with the exemplification of the work and who fail to appreciate the true significance of the ceremonies; hence their chief aim is to produce physical rather than mental impressions. The dignity of the Royal Arch should never be lowered by an erroneous conception of its name and character, and no extraneous features that mar the

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solemnity of the degrees should be countenanced, as they are foreign to the spirit of Masonry.

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Inherent defects in the Royal Arch degree are plainly visible and its present form will always be open to criticism by Masonic students. Its form is devoid of all structural beauty as a vehicle of thought dramatically expressed; the text of the ritual is not only cumbersome and tedious to relate or hear, but representation and explanation are so intermingled that there is neither continuity of thought nor sequence of action.

The ritual should be revised and the degree reconstructed, with its form patterned after the Master Mason's degree. It should be sectionalized so as to distinguish and separate its ancient and modern features, paying especial attention to the culmination of ancient craft Masonry.

As the chief feature of the Solomonian Temple was the Holy of Holies in which was placed the sacred ark whence the Barthkol voiced the oracles of Jehova and the Shekfinah veiled it with his glory and as from earlier times and to later days the Tabernacle concealed within the sanctuary behind its veils the sacred treasures that symbolized the presence and the covenant of the Great I Am; so we who pattern our spiritual edifice after the type of the tented building and stone structure of Israel's Holy Shrine should only reveal the important secrets of the Royal Arch within the veiled sanctuary of our hallowed halls.

Masonic truths are eternal verities, born of the Supreme intelligence and but partly comprehended by mortal minds. To expond them as best we can; to promulgate them and to live them is the duty we owe to the Craft and to the great brotherhood of the human race.

In the conferring of degrees ritualistic accuracy is less desirable than correct impressions of the aims and purposes of Capitulary Masonry. To touch the soul and stir to action the nobler impulses of men should be our aim, and this can only be attained when each worker has the right conception of the part he is to perform in the exemplification of the work and then enter into the spirit of the degree with a consciousness of the solemnity of all of its ceremonies.

The General Grand High Priest, Companion Joseph E. Dyas has been made the honorary member of that Jurisdiction and on his request was furnished with a certificate of such membership.

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His preliminary remarks under necrology are fine.

But is this mortal frame, which is eventually resolved into its original elements, all that there is of man? Does it constitute the thinker, the real meaning of the term? Is there not within us a divine consciousness that "shapes our ends?" Mortal death is not extinction; the indestrucibility of matter evidences the eternity of spirit. There is not an atom of the universe that is not associated with a vital, imperishable energy apart from any so-called physical properties. Nothing in nature dies; the principle of life is eternal.

It is true that we are in ignorance of that which constitutes life, but neither the essence of mind nor the nature of electricity or other unseen forces are known to us. They are mysteries to be revealed beyond the grave. This little island of ours in the vast ocean of space is but one of the innumerable worlds that dot the universe, and we can hardly expect that man, while upon earth, can explain the origin of existence or the qualities of primordial substance. Science and faith unite in forcing us to regard death merely as a chemical change, and to believe that while the physical form is resolved into its original elements the soul that animated it lives on unchanged, experiencing life on higher planes and expressing itself in nobler activities.

He roasts the Committee on Foreign Correspondence good and plenty and pictures him as a grafter set upon a pedestal or a tripod and usurping supreme powers and prerogatives. Now what do you think of that? Ye Foreign Correspondents, take notice and beware. The position is a dizzy one and you may fall from your exalted position with a dull, sickening thud. One man's meat is another's poison. He goes on to say:

The functions of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence are entirely clerical and consist in reviewing and then reporting the acts and declarations of other Grand Chapters to their own Grand Body. If all correspondents could distinguish between what is essential and what is trivial, and would report only such events, occurrences and legislation as are important, with a digest of constitutional amendments, decisions, etc., and a summarizing of the condition of the Royal Craft, these reports would be of considerable value and interest.

To give facts and not express personal opinions is the duty

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of a Correspondent; and it should be his aim to instruct rather than amuse.

There, I see I have violated instructions by quoting from his address, as he has expressed therein several opinions of his own that were not "acts and declarations of his Grand Chapter." Oh well, like some of the rest of us, he will feel lots better after it is out of his system.

He closes his remarks on Correspondence Committee with this:

In this connection and in view of the physical condition of Companion Swain, P. G. H. P., who has heretofore performed the duties of this committee for years, I recommend that a special committee consisting of Past Grand High Priests be empowered to take such action for his future welfare as shall seem advisable to them for the best interests of Companion Swain and this Grand Chapter.

Grand Secretary Perry presented his eighth Annual report, complete in every detail. I note that they sell cipher rituals on requisitions of secretaries at seventy-five cents each.

He reports a gain of 536 in membership.

The Annual Review is by Companion Samuel Wright. Michigan for 1907 and 1908, both being reviewed. You must look out, Companion Wright, and not express an opinion of your own. No correspondence reporter has any right to his own opinions and if he should forget himself so far as to formulate one he must smother it under an extinguisher for fear some one else might not agree with him.

HARRY C. DITTMAR, Fon du Lac, Grand High Priest.
WILLIAM W. PERRY, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING, 1909

First Annual. CHEYENNE. July 9th.
10 Chapters. 750 Members.
ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, Grand High Priest.

The Proceedings of the new Grand Chapter of Wyom-

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ing are very nicely arranged and printed and are a credit to the new Grand Body. The Grand Chapter was organized at Rawlins, April 6, 1909, by virtue of a dispensation from the General Grand High Priest. An excellent portrait of the first Grand High Priest, Companion Adrian J. Parshall, is included in the proceedings.

A constitution was adopted and the young sister started on her way rejoicing. Three months later the first Annual Convocation was held. The Grand High Priest recommends a qualified correspondent and also the plan of exchanging Grand Representatives.

By resolution the Chapters formerly working under the General Grand Chapter were permitted to retain their original charters upon the walls of their assembly rooms as souvenirs of their early history.

The returns of the Chapters with membership are printed in full.

There is no report on correspondence.

BIRNEY H. SAGE, Cheyenne, Grand High Priest.
ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary.

GRINDS AND SLAMS.

When a reviewer is at work reading and selecting extracts for a report of this nature he naturally, if he is a natural man, finds many things that run counter to his idea of the way the world should be run, and he is too often tempted to insert his criticisms where they might be too glaring and also hurt the sensitive nature of some well meaning individual.

Several things have occurred to me as of enough importance to make mention of them in this parting shot. Perhaps it is better here, as if it is not read no one's feelings will be ruffled.

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PROCEEDINGS.

At the last meeting of the Grand Secretary's Guild held in Savannah last November, the subject of printed proceedings was touched upon by the president and discussed by the members. While uniformity is not sought nor is it desirable, there are some improvements that might be suggested, and that is my purpose in bringing the matter up back here in the "Editor's Cosy Corner," as it were.

There is now scarcely a pamphlet of proceedings issued by a Grand Chapter that is not thick enough to permit of a back line which would give the name of the state and the year of the publication. After these are placed on library shelves the importance of this matter becomes self evident. A searcher for information may have to hunt some time to find just the particular volume he desires, when if, for instance it had on the back in bold letters "TEXAS, 1909" or CONNECTICUT, 1910," it would be "dead easy."

Then it is quite essential that these backlines should be uniform; that is, all read the same way of the book. If they begin at the top of the book and read down they will be correct either for the shelf or when in piles with title cover up.

Then again, there is the front cover. Very often the year is entirely omitted and many times the name of the state is so small that it is lost among the rubbish or useless multiplicity of undesirable and unnecessary information usually relegated to the fixed form of a Title page inside. Again, as a suggestion: "Grand Chapter—NEW JERSEY, 1910" would tell all that is essential to know on the outside. Some I know follow along established custom and maintain an exact uniformity of cover for many years in succession, but that is no excuse for making the year so small that "specs" are necessary to find it.

In the matter of headings, or titles to the various

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topics treated, and subjects of report or legislation, a well ordered book should have them, for without an index, which many omit, it is pretty difficult to search out a particular subject if it is not set out with subheads.

If statistical tables are at all valuable, footings should be given or a recapitulation immediately following, so a searcher for statistical information would not be obliged to foot up long columns of figures to get results. In getting the figures for the headings of the report it was very often necessary to count up the number of Chapters in the list to get the information which was nowhere given in the book. Sometimes even the number of members must be cast up.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORTS.

The same remarks apply to this portion of the Proceedings, now nearly universally printed as an appendix to the volume of Proceedings. It always looks so silly to me to see at the top of each page "Report on Correspondence." "Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of —" Just as though we didn't know it by its title page. When the review of a state covers several pages, at least alternate pages should be headed with the name of the one reported, as a convenience for ready reference.

The first use of the name of the state reviewed should be in bold face or heavy letter, which is more easily distinguished than a Roman letter the same size as the body type used. Most reviewers have now adopted the alphabetical arrangement and one which does not, becomes conspicuous.

I notice a tendency towards using too many initials instead of Christian names of the Companions. Others, a few of them, give full first and second Christian names. Perhaps this is pushing it farther than necessary, but I like the use of the first name when the Companion can be induced to give it up. It is much less confusing, particularly on common names.

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THE REVIEWER.

Now one of the latest is the charge from Wisconsin that Correspondence Committees assume too many prerogatives. I hope that there is no Grand High Priest who is jealous of a little Correspondence Committee and is afraid he is going to get some of the many prerogatives of the Grand High Priest away from him. Never fear. None of them aspire so high as that but they are meek as Moses and chock their work in the back part of the Proceedings where it is an accident if anyone finds it. In that way the fear of contamination is reduced to the minimum. From observations and criticisms I gather that the majority of readers of Correspondence Reports or Annual Reviews like them better if there is a little ginger injected into them instead of being simply cold "facts and figgers." Some of the readers are statisticians but the majority are not and desire to have their reading made as pleasant and entertaining as possible. I am one who believes that if we could have more Warvelles' and Perkins' and Hodson's and Duncan's and DeLap's and Ruggs' and several others, Correspondence Reports would be still more widely read and with a more general distribution of Proceedings by means of accessible libraries the cause would be still further advanced. But that will do for this time.

Conclusion.

Well, the task is finished for another year. It has had its joys and its jolts. One becomes a little better acquainted with his work each time and the volumes present the features of old friends when they arrive.

The following Proceedings have been reviewed:

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Arizona	1908	New Brunswick	1908
Arkansas	1909	New Hampshire	1909
California	1909	New Jersey	1909
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Idaho 1909	Oklahoma 1909
Illinois 1909	Oregon 1909
Indiana 1909	Pennsylvania 1908
Iowa 1909	Quebec 1909
Kansas 1909	Rhode Island.....1909
Kentucky 1909	South Carolina.....1909
Louisiana 1909	South Dakota.....1909
Maine 1909	Tennessee 1910
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Minnesota 1909	Victoria 1908-1909
Mississippi 1909	Washington 1909
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Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES A. CONOVER,

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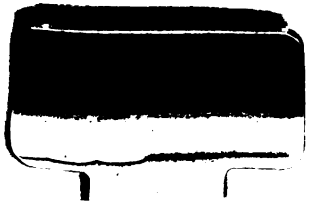

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